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Top Honors for Black Aviators

OVERDUE: Holding a photograph of himself as a 19-year-old pilot, Tuskegee Airmen Lt. Col. John Mulzac kisses his wife, Beatrice Mulzac, after a ceremony at the Capitol on Thursday. President Bush and Congress honored the legendary black aviators for fighting for their country during World War II despite facing bigotry at home. **Salute:** Airmen receive Congressional Gold Medal | **Page 4**

Ex-Aide Disputes Gonzales

Attorney general had deep role in firings, Sampson says

WASHINGTON | Contrary to his public statements, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales was deeply involved in the firing of eight federal prosecutors, his former top aide said Thursday, adding that the final decision on who was to be dismissed was made by Gonzales and President Bush's former counsel.

"I don't think the attorney general's statement that he was not involved in any discussions of U.S. attorney removals was accurate," Kyle Sampson, who quit this month as Gonzales' chief of staff, told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "The decision makers in this case were the attorney general and the counsel to the president," he said.

Sampson's testimony and thousands of e-mails released over the past two weeks point to a much deeper involvement by Gonzales and then-White House counsel Harriet Miers in discussions taking place over several months about which U.S. attorneys to fire.

Sampson said the fired prosecutors were found to be insufficiently committed to the president's law enforcement priorities. His appearance was the latest act in a political drama that has shaken the Bush administration and imperiled Gonzales' tenure. (AP)

CRIME | Shoot Aliens, Not People Mexico City has a novel idea for gun deproliferation: Swap the weapons for Xboxes and computers, multiple news sources reported. Starting Tuesday, munitions owners in the inner-city Tepito area could trade small arms for



the game consoles (or cash), and high-caliber ones, like machine guns, for full-fledged computers — PCs, not Macs, with donated Microsoft software, so we hope they came with virus-protection. Organizers said they received 17 guns on the first day. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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PARVE

Manischewitz Rushes Charoset Joints to Market

Smoking pot is not kosher for Passover, announced Israel's pro-marijuana Green Leaf party Tuesday. Biblical laws prohibit eating leavened foods during Passover. Later injunctions extended those rules to forbid foods such as beans and corn, and more recent rulings have expanded the ban to include hemp seeds, found in marijuana. Although it is by no means a Jewish religious authority, the group decided to warn its observant supporters away from the drug on Passover. "You shouldn't smoke marijuana on the holiday, and if you have it in your house, you should get rid of it," said spokeswoman Michelle Levine. (AP)



BARGAINS

Beware, Police Auction Attendees

After four suspects in a jewelry store robbery were arrested, Canton, Ohio, police surmised one of the men may have swallowed a missing diamond ring worth \$30,000. The theory proved

correct, police said, when the ring was found Wednesday in the toilet inside Dandre Turk's jail cell. "We did suspect him of swallowing the ring," said Maj. Dave Zink. "We were going to X-ray. Instead, we alerted both jails that whenever he had a movement to scrutinize it." The ring still had a price tag, according to the sheriff's office. (AP)



LENNY IGNEZ/AP

HOBBIES

Thin Sin City

What happens in Legoland Las Vegas will stay in Legoland Las Vegas — if the designers have anything to say about it. On Wednesday, builders spent hours snapping and glue-gunning bricks to the \$1-million-plus scale model of the famed Las Vegas Strip, from the smooth black Luxor pyramid to the towering 20-foot Stratosphere, complete with a tiny working roller coaster shuttling green-faced passengers up and down the central spire. The massive construction opened to the public Thursday. (AP)



That story was a long time ago. Calaveras County needs to get over itself.

UNWARRANTED FAME

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A quarrel between the organizers of the Calaveras County Fair and its annual Jumping Frog Jubilee has led to plans for dueling frog-hopping contests this year in California. Citing losses due to low turnout at last year's fair, organizers said they couldn't pay the Angels Camp Boosters Club to oversee this year's contest. Organizers invited boosters to judge this year's contest without pay, but the club decided to organize its own frog-jumping contest that could compete with the fair's. (AP)

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SHARKS NEEDED: Overfishing of sharks may be endangering bay scallops, a gourmet delicacy. With fewer sharks around, skates and rays have increased sharply along the East Coast, and they are gobbling up shellfish, researchers reported.

Nation

Senators Defy Bush On Iraq Bill

Legislation requiring withdrawal of troops passes on party lines

WASHINGTON | A defiant, Democratic-controlled Senate approved legislation Thursday calling for the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq within a year, propelling Congress closer to a wartime veto confrontation with President Bush.

"With passage of this bill, the Senate sends a clear message to the president that we must take the war in Iraq in a new direction. Setting a goal for getting most of our troops out of Iraq is not — not, not — cutting and running," said Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., shortly before the vote.



Byrd

The 51-47 vote was largely along party lines and fell far short of the two-thirds margin needed to overturn a presidential veto.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky rebutted quickly. "Nothing good can come from this bill," he said. "It's loaded with pork that has no relation to our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and it includes a deadline for evacuation that amounts to sending a 'Save the Date' card to al-Qaeda."

Dozens of Tornadoes Hit Midwest

Storm system kills at least 4 people in 3 states, destroys homes

HOLLY, COLO. | A massive spring storm spawned dozens of tornadoes from the Rocky Mountains to the central Plains, killing at least four people in three states, including a woman who was flung into a tree by a twister between 400 to 800 meters wide.

Sixty-five tornadoes were reported late Wednesday in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska, the National Weather Service said. By early Thursday, the storm system stretched from South Dakota to Texas.

Rosemary Rosales, 28, was found critically injured in a tree after the huge tornado destroyed several homes and damaged dozens of others in Holly, a town of 1,000 people about 235 miles southeast of Denver near the Kansas line.

In Oklahoma, a twister killed a couple as it blew their home to



A man watches a tornado cross the highway in Beaver County, Okla. The storm swept from the Rockies to the Plains, killing at least four people in three states.

pieces. In Texas, a man was found dead in the tangled debris of his trailer. He had been thrown 15 feet from the trailer, which was rolled by wind.

At least seven other people were

hurt when the tornado skipped for a mile and a half through Holly and surrounding areas.

As residents sifted through their scattered belongings, the streets were littered with utility

poles, power lines, tree limbs and debris. One woman whose house was destroyed wept as she searched for a wedding ring.

At least 11 tornadoes were reported throughout western Nebraska, destroying or damaging three homes and at least 10 miles of power lines. Two twisters touched down in far northwest Kansas, severely damaging three homes, authorities said.

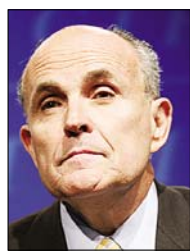
Tornadoes in the Texas Panhandle uprooted trees, overturned trucks and injured at least three people. The region also got tennis ball-sized hail.

Just three months ago, back-to-back blizzards and subzero temperatures killed more than 10,000 livestock on farms across southeastern Colorado.

The same storm system dumped snow on Wyoming, causing highway pileups and closing large portions of three interstates. In the Wind River Mountains, 58 inches of snow had fallen by Thursday morning.

COLLEEN SLEVIN (AP)

HEARSAY | SWAYING THE VOTERS



"None of us, at least I don't think any of us, have perfect lives. I can say very credibly to people, 'Judge me by my public performance.'"

—REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RUDY GIULIANI, WHO SAID HE DOESN'T THINK THE NATION HAS REACHED A POINT AT WHICH DIVORCE IS NOT IMPORTANT IN CHOOSING A PRESIDENT.

Gates Asks for Help Closing Gitmo

WASHINGTON | Congress and the Bush administration should work together to allow the U.S. to permanently imprison some of the more dangerous Guantanamo Bay detainees elsewhere so the facility can be closed, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday.

Gates said the challenge is figur-

ing out what to do with detainees who have "made very clear they will come back and attack this country."

Lawmakers said Thursday the Guantanamo facility hurts U.S. credibility with its allies. They asked that Gates give more thought to how it could be closed and detainees moved to a military prison. (AP)

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THANKS A LOT: A man in Rock Hill, S.C., allegedly robbed a good Samaritan who helped pushed his truck to a nearby gas station. Darvin Wayne Capps, 25, swung a razor blade at the Samaritan and stole his necklace, police said.

In Brief

LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Man Leaps to His Death From Burning Apartment

A resident in a burning oceanfront apartment building jumped to his death from an 18th-story balcony as a crowd of people watched helplessly, authorities said Thursday. The flames appeared to be restricted largely to the apartment of John Carlyle Crews, 60, who was unable to escape, authorities said. More than 25 people saw the man leap late Wednesday, said firefighter Will Nash, a spokesman for the Long Beach Fire Department. (AP)



Firefighters clear debris from a burnt apartment in Long Beach, Calif.

NEW ORLEANS

Incentives, Loans Pitched For Hurricane Recovery

The leader of New Orleans' effort to recover from Hurricane Katrina unveiled a \$1.1 billion plan Thursday aimed at jump-starting the sluggish revitalization work. The plan focuses on 17 zones throughout the city, recovery director Ed Blakely said. The money would be used to give developers loans and incentives for building in areas that the city has identified as key to its recovery. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Study Raises Concerns About Anesthesia Safety

Anesthesia can be harmful to the developing brain, studies on animals suggest, raising concerns about potential risks in putting young children under for surgery. Food and Drug Administration scientists stressed Thursday they have no evidence that anesthesia and sedation drugs, which have been commonly administered for decades, can cause brain damage in children. (AP)

Tuskegee Airmen Honored At Last

Congressional medals awarded to black pilots for service in WWII

WASHINGTON | President Bush saluted the Tuskegee Airmen on Thursday, six decades after they completed their World War II mission and returned home to a country that discriminated against them because they were black.

"Even the Nazis asked why African-American men would fight for a country that treated them so unfairly," Bush told the group of legendary black aviators, who received a Congressional Gold Medal — the most prestigious Congress has to offer.

"These men in our presence felt a special sense of urgency. They were fighting two wars. One was in Europe and the other took place in the hearts and minds of our citizens," he said.

Bush then saluted the airmen, saying he offered the gesture to "help atone for all the unreturned salutes and unforgivable indignities" they endured.

"We are so overjoyed," said Roscoe Brown Jr., after he and five other Tuskegee Airmen accepted



President Bush welcomes Tuskegee Airmen Dr. Roscoe Brown, center, and Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, left, in the Capitol Rotunda on Thursday during the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony for the Tuskegee Airmen in Washington.

the medal on behalf of the group. "We are so proud today and I think America is proud today."

Bush, members of Congress and other dignitaries joined some 300 airmen, widows and other relatives

in the Capitol Rotunda for the ceremony recognizing the Tuskegee Airmen for their long-ago heroism.

Retired Lt. Col. Walter L. McCreary, shot from the sky during a mission in October 1944 and

held prisoner, said it hurt that the group's accomplishments had not been honored years earlier.

"We took it in stride. It's a recognition long overdue," McCreary said. DARLENE SUPERVILLE (AP)

SARASOTA, FLA. | BACK TO THE SEA



WELCOME HOME: Onlookers take pictures as Valentine, a loggerhead sea turtle, crawls toward the Gulf of Mexico. Members of the Mote Marine Laboratory released four rehabilitated sea turtles at Lido Beach on Thursday.

Prosecutors Rethink Prison Term for Hicks

Sentence of less than 20 years is sought for Guantanamo detainee

GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA | The prosecution will seek a sentence of "substantially less" than 20 years for Australian David Hicks, a Guantanamo detainee who pleaded guilty to a terrorism-related charge this week, the chief prosecutor for the military tribunals said Thursday.

The prosecutor, Air Force Col. Morris Davis, had said earlier he would ask for a sentence of about 20 years, on par with the punishment for American Taliban fighter American John Walker Lindh.

"We will argue for something

substantially less than John Walker Lindh," Davis told reporters on Thursday, without elaborating.

Hicks, a 31-year-old Muslim convert accused of joining al-Qaeda during the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan, pleaded guilty Monday to providing material support for terrorism. Under a prisoner-exchange agreement between the U.S. and Australia, he will serve his sentence in his home country.

Hicks will appear before a military judge Friday to enter his guilty plea under oath. (AP)



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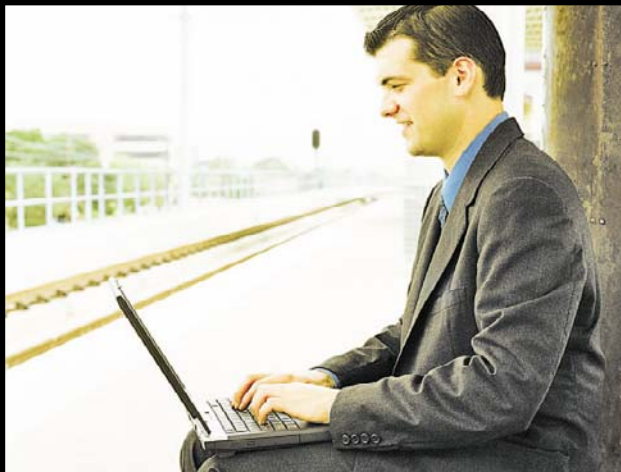
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TIME TRAVEL: A wristwatch buried by an adventurer in the ice at the North Pole three years ago was found by a boy more than 1,800 miles to the south after it came ashore near his home on the Danish Faeroe Islands, his mother said. The watch was still working.

In Brief

HARARE, ZIMBABWE

Opposition Leader Freed After Brief Police Detention

Zimbabwe's main opposition leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, was freed from several hours in police custody, but nine others detained in a raid were charged Thursday in what the government alleged was a terror campaign, opposition officials said. The detentions were part of a political crisis that has provoked concerns of a spillover in the rest of the region, and African leaders at an emergency meeting in Tanzania on Thursday appointed South Africa's President Thabo Mbeki to mediate. (AP)

TOKYO

Police: Young British Teacher Beaten, Suffocated

A 22-year-old British language teacher whose naked body was found in a sand-filled bathtub at an apartment outside Tokyo was beaten and then suffocated, police said Thursday, as authorities handed the woman's body over to her father. Police are still hunting for the prime suspect, the 28-year-old Japanese male resident of the apartment in Ichikawa, a city east of the capital, where Lindsay Ann Hawker's body was found Monday. (AP)

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

Troops Launch Operation Against Insurgents, Kill 10

Somali troops and their Ethiopian allies pounded insurgent positions in the capital with bombs and tank shells Thursday, sending residents fleeing a surge in fighting that killed at least 10 people and wounded 50. A witness reported seeing a dead soldier's body dragged through the streets. The military operation was the beginning of a three-day push to restore order in Mogadishu, officials said. (AP)

A Harrowing Ride in Rio

→ For years, violence has been an inextricable part of life inside Brazil's slums. But amid gang warfare and accusations of police abuse, often others — like lifesaving ambulance crews — are caught in the middle. | **Today, A Section**

IN The Washington Post

U.N. Cites Concern Over U.K. Crew

Iran holds off freeing sole female sailor due to Britain's 'behavior'

UNITED NATIONS | The U.N. Security Council expressed "grave concern" Thursday over the capture of 15 British sailors and marines and called for an early resolution of the problem, including their release.

Britain failed to win support for a stronger statement deploring weeklong Iran's detention of the Britons and calling for their immediate freedom, primarily because of Russian opposition.

Britain sought Security Coun-

cil help as Iran rolled back on its promise to release Faye Turney, the sole woman among the captives, and a senior Iranian official suggested all 15 Britons might be put on trial.

Iran's military chief, Gen. Ali Reza Afshar, said that because of the "wrong behavior" of the British government, "the release of a female British soldier has been suspended," the semiofficial Iranian news agency Mehr reported.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to allow a Turkish diplomat to meet with the British captives and also



British sailors are shown eating in a video released by Iran on Wednesday.

urged the release of Turney, Iranian state television reported.

British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett condemned Iran's use of Turney for what she called "pro-

paganda purposes," calling it "outrageous and cruel." Iran issued two letters purportedly written by Turney and broadcast footage of her and the other captives.

Also Thursday, Iranian TV broadcast about five seconds of video it says was of the operation that seized the British sailors and marines.

The video showed a coast guard officer identified only as Col. Setareh, who displayed a GPS device purported to belong to the British crew. He said it proved the British had "violated Iranian waters" several times before they were detained. EDITH M. LEDERER (AP)

INDONESIA | DEATH TOLL FROM BIRD FLU CONTINUES TO RISE



TAKING PRECAUTIONS: An Indonesian worker stands next to burning chickens as authorities culled around 2,700 birds believed to be infected by the H5N1 bird flu virus in Jembrana on Thursday. An Indonesian woman and a teenager died of bird flu, the Health Ministry announced Thursday, raising the country's human death toll from the avian virus to 71.

Mysterious Nun's Identity Revealed

PARIS | She is a simple nun with an "incredible" story — and now she is preparing to tell it to the world.

Sister Marie-Simon-Pierre has been identified as the long-mysterious nun whose claim that she was

cured of Parkinson's disease could prompt the Roman Catholic Church to beatify Pope John Paul II.

Described as a gentle and reserved, the nun is expected to speak at a news conference Friday

about how she inexplicably recovered from Parkinson's after she and her fellow nuns prayed to John Paul.

The nun is expected to travel to Rome for ceremonies marking the second anniversary of the pontiff's death and the closure of a church investigation into his life. (AP)

Summit Puts Focus On Nukes

Arab leaders wary of dangerous arms race in Middle East region

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | Arab leaders pushed ahead Thursday with plans to develop nuclear programs, even as they warned of a possible Middle East nuclear arms race created by their powerful rivals Israel and Iran.

On the final day of their annual summit, Arab League leaders said they would hold a high-level meeting this summer to review plans for an Arab nuclear industry.

Jordan's King Abdullah II in a speech called for the creation of a "Peaceful Arab Center for Using Nuclear Energy" to help "build our societies and modernize the realms of science, industry, agriculture and health."

The Arab summit was otherwise focused on reviving a land-for-peace offer to Israel and forging a united stance in the numerous crises facing the Middle East. But in a final statement, the Arab leaders warned of "launching a dangerous and destructive nuclear arms race in the region." SALAH NASRAWI (AP)

World



Mohammed Abbas cries for his father outside a morgue in Mahmoudiyah, Iraq, on Thursday. Mohammed's father was killed in a car bomb attack near a Shiite mosque.

Attacks in Iraq Kill More Than 100

Suicide bombers hit Shiite markets as new U.S. envoy takes post

BAGHDAD | Five suicide bombers struck Shiite marketplaces in northeast Baghdad and a town north of the capital at nightfall Thursday, killing at least 122 people in savage attacks that marked Ryan Crocker's first day as the new American ambassador — a job he called the "most critical foreign policy mission" confronting the U.S.

Nationwide, at least 178 people were killed or found dead Thursday, the start of the seventh week of the latest U.S.-Iraqi military drive to curtail violence in Baghdad and surrounding regions.

The bombers hit markets in the Shiite town of Khalis and the Shaab neighborhood in Baghdad during the busiest part of the day, timing that has become a trademark of what are believed to be Sunni insurgent or al-Qaeda suicide attackers.

The market in Khalis, 50 miles north of the capital, was especially crowded because government flour rations reportedly had just arrived for the first time in six months.

At least 43 people were killed

and 86 wounded by the three suicide vehicle bombs, including an explosives-packed ambulance, police said.

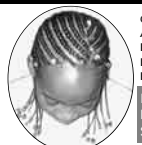
In the north Baghdad bombings, two suicide attackers wearing explosives vests blew themselves up the Shalal market in the mostly Shiite Shaab neighborhood. At least 79 people were killed and 81 wounded as they jammed the market to buy provisions on the eve of the Muslim day of rest and prayer.

The carnage, whether timed for his arrival or happenstance, cast an ominous shadow over Crocker's first day as ambassador in Baghdad. He takes over in the midst of the latest U.S.-Iraqi security sweep, for which Bush has committed nearly 30,000 additional troops to dampen what had become uncontrollable violence in the capital.

"President Bush's policy is the right one. There has been progress; there is also much more to be done," the 57-year-old Arabic-speaker said.

But as the security drive has progressed, more and more violence has erupted in towns and cities outside the capital as insurgent fighters have taken their fight to regions where U.S. and Iraqi forces are thinly deployed. STEVEN R. HURST (AP)

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Data From 45.7M Accounts Stolen

Retailer TJX reveals scope of credit, debit card security breach

BOSTON | Information from at least 45.7 million credit and debit cards was stolen by a hacker or hackers who accessed TJX's customer information in a security breach that the discount retailer disclosed more than two months ago.

TJX Cos., the owner of T.J. Maxx, Marshall's and other stores, said in a regulatory filing late Wednesday that about three-quarters of those cards had either expired at the time of the theft, or data from their magnetic strips had been masked — stored as asterisks

rather than numbers.

But TJX acknowledged it still knows little about the full scope of the breach, in part because the hacker or hackers accessed TJX's encryption software and could have known how to unscramble the information.

In addition, TJX deleted much of the transaction data in the normal course of business between the time of the breach and the time that TJX detected it, making it impossible to know how many total cards were affected.

TJX says its computer systems were first breached in July 2005 by a hacker or hackers who accessed data from customer transactions dating to January 2003. (AP)

Market Action

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LoneStTch	66.11	+17.66	+36.4
Ipsco g	130.41	+12.20	+10.3
Fortress n	29.72	+2.54	+9.3
HomeBanc	3.46	+.28	+8.8
SJW	43.00	+3.30	+8.3

Losers

KMG Am	4.87	-3.80	-43.8
Movado	28.74	-5.84	-16.9
StrideRt	15.25	-1.77	-10.4
CarMax s	24.71	-2.36	-8.7
TNS Inc	15.94	-1.20	-7.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
TargGen rs	4.27	+1.70	+66.1
ElecSen	5.78	+.65	+12.7
Nucryst	4.18	+.44	+11.8
Innotrac	2.45	+.25	+11.4
Iomai	4.90	+.16	+3.4

Losers

InsitTo	20.00	-5.90	-22.8
CuraGen	3.07	-.77	-20.1
UTiWrldwd	24.10	-5.96	-19.8
CecoEnv	12.60	-2.35	-15.7
P&F	12.20	-1.74	-12.5

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.91	4.92
2-year	4.55	4.57
10-year	4.63	4.58
30-year	4.82	4.78

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5097	.5097	.5764
Canadian Dollar	1.1589	1.1587	1.1725
European Euro	.7499	.7506	.8316
Japanese Yen	117.99	116.88	117.74
Mexican Peso	11.0156	11.0755	10.9653
Taiwanese Dollar	33.06	33.07	32.55

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+48.39	+0.78	+5.30
+0.39	+0.03	+0.37
12348.75	2417.88	1422.53

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	55.81	+.05	+14.6
Allergan	110.70	+.33	-7.5
AstraZen	53.72	+.09	+.3
BarrPhm	46.37	-1.14	-7.5
BrMySq	27.91	+.29	+7.2
ForestLab	51.57	+.25	+1.9
Hospira	40.62	+.06	+21.0
JohnJn	60.34	+.34	-8.6
KingPhrm	19.63	+.03	+23.3
LillyEli	53.41	+.40	+2.5
Merck	43.95	+.72	+.8
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REPORT BACK: Sen. Benjamin Cardin, D-Md., has asked the Pentagon for a "full and thorough" report on Maryland's military medical facilities after a recent tour at Fort Meade left him concerned about the ability to care for wounded troops.

Cherry Tree Etiquette Emphasized

Festival crowds can inflict great harm on D.C.'s famous foliage

WASHINGTON | They have been lovingly groomed for the past three months, and next week all eyes will be on Washington's treasured cherry trees in anticipation of the few days when they burst into an irresistible sea of pale blossoms.

But as the trees perform the famous ritual that has drawn visitors for decades, officials are issuing friendly reminders about the harmful effects of snapping branches, climbing limbs and trampling roots.

"It's a challenge — they're here so people can come and see them," says Glenn Eugster, director of the National Park Service's cherry tree



Rob DeFeo, the National Park Service's chief horticulturist, explains the peduncle elongation phase, a predictor of the blossoming date for the cherry trees in D.C.

replacement fund program. "But the challenge is: How do you sustain the trees so we can continue to sustain

the festival?"

The two-week National Cherry Blossom Festival, which begins

Saturday, honors the anniversary of 3,000 cherry trees gifted from Japan to the United States in 1912.

Each year, thousands of visitors spill off the paths and onto the dirt that houses the trees' life-giving roots, causing damage. Some climb the trees, or place their kids on the limbs for photos — another no-no. And last year, a misdirected romantic display — a young man who snapped off a branch of blossoms and presented it to his beau — likely had the trees' tenders cringing.

"We want these trees to be around for our kids," says Diana Mayhew, the festival's executive director. "Some people are just not educated or informed. It's not that they're being mean, it's just that some people don't understand how special these trees are." LUBNA TAKRURI (AP)

Emergency Programs Get Boost

Funds used to buy equipment that was needed on Sept. 11

WASHINGTON | Regional emergency officials Thursday unveiled \$54 million worth of equipment and programs designed to help authorities respond better to disasters — including eight mobile air units that would have helped firefighters at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

Firefighters who responded that day were slowed by limited equipment for refilling oxygen tanks, said Arlington County Fire Chief James Schwartz.

"We had tanks available, but it was such a big fire and there were so many firefighters that we had trouble keeping up," Schwartz said in a statement.

The eight new units, which look like fire trucks, can each refill up to 70 tanks an hour.

Regional authorities received \$54 million from the Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative for new equipment, training and fire service programs. (AP)

HEARSAY | HEALTH

"For a lot of employees, it's not necessarily easy for them to pick up and get another job."

—VA. GOV. TIM KAINE, WHO SAYS HE PROPOSED A STATEWIDE BAN ON SMOKING IN RESTAURANTS PRIMARILY TO PROTECT WORKERS. LEGISLATORS WILL VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT AT A SESSION ON WEDNESDAY.

The Lotteries

Thursday, March 29

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	5-0-0
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	2-2-8
Mid-day DC 4	7-6-7-0
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	9-3-1-3
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	4-13-23-31-32
Daily 6 (Wed.)	1-3-4-9-19-37 Bonus: 5
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	2-21-24-33-38 (6)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	3-5-9
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	0-8-7
Mid-day Pick 4	0-8-3-0
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-4-2-4
Match 5 (Wed.)	1-12-28-29-39 Bonus: 2
Multi-Match (Wed.)	1-2-4-11-42-43

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	0-4-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	0-2-1
Mid-day Pick 4	2-2-0-5

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-2-5-3
Mid-day Cash 5	5-7-12-13-16
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	4-16-22-26-29
Win For Life (Wed.)	4-5-8-21-31-37 (17)

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It's Pranks-Giving Day

A lesson in practical joking — just in time for April Fools' Day

Your calculator is encased in Jell-O, your desk has been moved to the bathroom and you start receiving faxes from yourself ... from the future.

Another Monday morning at the office, or, rather, "The Office." The NBC sitcom is a thesis on how we use pranks to deliver ourselves from the purgatory of dullness and discipline. It's also just one part of an entertainment niche founded on watching people get pranked.

That art — and it is an art, as you'll see — has never been more alive and sophisticated, says the self-described King of Dot-Comedy, Sir John Hargrave, who is not, in fact, a knight. He changed his first name to "Sir" a while back to prank Buckingham Palace, which he haggled for the requisite knightly benefits.

"I would argue that Sacha Baron Cohen doing Borat, Stephen Colbert doing his character — those are extended performance-art pranks," says Hargrave, creator of the comedy Web site Zug (www.9zug.9com) and author of "Prank the Monkey." "It's very attractive to us in this day where we're so media-saturated that it's hard to tell fiction from nonfiction and real media from fake media and truth from spin."

But pranking seems to be the province of Pam 'n' Jim and "Punk'd," Cohen and Colbert. We regular citizens have reputations



THAT'S SO NOT FUNNY: Prankster rule No. 1: If it isn't annoying, it's not very good.

to uphold.

In Washington, in particular, the market for pranks bottomed out after Watergate, says Ross K. Baker, professor of political science at Rutgers University and author of "House and Senate."

"A kind of seriousness has come over politicians, and a tremendous

amount of caution, for fear that a prank will somehow be interpreted as a dirty trick," Baker says. "People are much more guarded about what they say. The consequence leads to a much more constrained political discussion."

Small pranks involving congressional pages are still legion today,

though, according to Senate historian Richard Baker. Sometimes senators send rookies to look for a congressional record player, an official bill stretcher or some other fictional object, he says.

Britain's royals, apparently, also indulge in pranking. Last month, British papers reported that Princes William and Harry recorded this outgoing phone message for the queen: "Hey, wassup! This is Liz. Sorry I'm away from the throne. For a hotline to Philip, press one. For Charles, press two. And for the corgis, press three."

Simple, harmless, effective. The hallmarks of a good prank.

The original April Fools' prank was the wild-geese chase.

In the 18th century, the Scottish would send a "gowk" (a gullible person) around town with a note that said, "Never laugh, never smile, send the gowk another mile," according to Alex Boese, proprietor of the Museum of Hoaxes Web site (www.9museumofhoaxes.9com) and author of "Hippo Eats Dwarf: A Field Guide to Hoaxes and Other B.S." The recipient of the note would come up with another errand for the gowk, who'd be handed off from house to house on a wild-geese chase.

Pranking has since diversified, of course, and though you can debate the differences between a hoax, a prank and a practical joke, there are certain elements to consider when preparing any of these.

You can find a gowk and send him off to get an unobtainable item (like striped paint or a one-ended stick), but Boese offers these practi-



ALSO THIS SUNDAY

European Vacations

Want to tour the continent on the cheap? The Post offers advice for visiting Europe without draining your bank account. | **Travel**

Meet the New Nats

Opening Day is Monday, and the Nationals have a new manager and a host of new players. Meet this year's boys of summer. | **Sports**



cal jokes as simple ways to fill your prank quota today:

→ Use a rubber band to depress the handle of a kitchen sink's extra nozzle (you know, that detachable spray thing) so that it spritzes anyone who turns on the water.

→ Dip cotton balls in chocolate and arrange them on a platter to look like truffles. Place them in a central location at home or work. Advertise the availability of the "treats." Delight in the reactions.

→ Cover an area with Post-It notes (an old standby). It can be anything, really — a door, a cubicle area or a bathtub. But a whole car is the ideal.

"If somebody isn't getting annoyed, it's not really successful," says Boese, who believes we prank to vent some repressed hostility. "It has to be slightly obnoxious."

DAN ZAK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

A Prankster's Primer

→ In honor of April Fools' Day, the Post offers a buffet of insights into pranking, including five of the top April Fool's Day hoaxes of all time. | **SUNDAY SOURCE**

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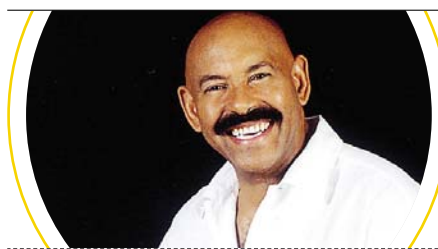
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NIGHTLIFE AGENDA

The Lion of Salsa: Oscar D'Leon brings his hip-shaking music to H20 on Friday. Plus, Familiar Faces, Mstrkrft and Digweed. | 12

Entertainment Weekend

Ice Escapades

'Blades of Glory' has laughs, but feels like an overlong 'SNL' skit

FILM | He's done NASCAR racing and soccer. Now Will Ferrell is on to figure skating, with "Blades of Glory" offering a few prime gags but a flimsy premise that loses its novelty quickly.

The idea sounds like a great "Saturday Night Live" sketch: Ferrell's an arrogant rebel of a men's champ, Jon Heder's his fastidious rival and the two end up teaming as the first men's pair after they're barred for life from solo competition.

And there's about enough funny material for a great little "Saturday Night Live" sketch. The trouble is, there's an extra 80 minutes or so of downtime in which Ferrell, Heder and their co-stars are pretty much repeating their characters' shallow schtick again and again.

Ferrell plays Chazz Michael Michaels, a sex addict on ice, whose saucy, exhibitionist routines shake up the skating world and prompt screaming female fans to hurl their panties in lieu of flowers.

Heder, the star of "Napoleon Dynamite," is Jimmy MacElroy, an orphaned prodigy raised by his adoptive father (William Fichtner)



BALANCE BEAMING: Will Ferrell and Jon Heder display their manhandling skills.

to become the epitome of skating skill and grace, even though he's done up like a peacock, complete

with a feathery costume, for his ice routine that opens the movie. "Blades of Glory" at least glides

into the action briskly, establishing that Chazz and Jimmy are to-the-death adversaries. Their animosity erupts in fisticuffs that gets them both banned from the sport.

After discovering a loophole, they re-enter the skating world three years later as a men's team, to the consternation of reigning brother-sister champs Stranz and Fairchild Van Waldenberg (Will Arnett and Amy Poehler), who dispatch their meek sister, Katie (Jenna Fischer), to spy on Chazz and Jimmy and sabotage their prospects.

Rather than milking Chazz and Jimmy's growing pains as partners for more laughs, the filmmakers oddly have the two sworn enemies adjust to their pairing without much friction.

They're put through their paces by Jimmy's former trainer, Coach (Craig T. Nelson). There is one priceless sequence involving archival footage of a dangerous move Coach wants to incorporate in Chazz and Jimmy's routine. We're talking a belly laugh of a sight gag that is almost worth the price of admission alone. And the movie draws a few decent laughs from strutting Chazz and effeminate Jimmy's queasiness over their proximity to another man's anatomy.

Ferrell showed unexpected range and subtlety in last fall's "Stranger Than Fiction," but he's back to shallow outrageousness here, and that mode, as usual, carries him a long way simply because his over-the-top creations are such likable boobs. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

Got Plans?

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I'm looking for a place that is doing an Easter brunch for some of my friends and myself. We're looking for something a bit nicer than what we could find on a regular Sunday. Are any places doing something a bit more special?

I'm compiling a list of local Easter brunch spots that will be live soon on our blog (blog.washingtonpost.com/goingoutgurus). In the meantime, one option is Ardeo's \$32 three-course meal. The Colonnade at the Fairmont is a very special and lavish brunch destination.

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NOT FOR BUNNIES: The Colonnade is a tasty & classy choice for Easter brunch.

I have a friend in town who is craving some quality sushi. Any suggestions for a place in the Georgetown area?

Try Mate, Sushi-Ko or Kotobuki. All are recommended.

→ Mate, 3101 K St. NW; 202-333-2006.

→ Sushi-Ko, 2309 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-4187.

→ Kotobuki, 4822 MacArthur Blvd. NW; 202-625-9080.

The Going Out Gurus think you should get out more. Join the discussion Thursdays at 1 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Here's to You, 3-D 'Robinsons'

Despite animated film overload, 'Meet the Robinsons' stands out

FILM | There's been such an onslaught of animated movies over the past year or so, it only seems like they're coming at you in 3-D. "Meet the Robinsons" actually does, and it's one of the more tolerable of the genre in recent memory. Thankfully, it doesn't consist of smart-alecky

talking animals spewing one-liners and pop culture references.

The 3-D effects are pretty spectacular, too. A lot of times with this technology, it's too easy to zing and fling things at the audience, simply because you can. It's gratuitous; the most recent "Spy Kids" movie is a prime example. Here, the effects spring organically from the story. You feel like you're immersed, the way the ground slopes toward you or objects seem to come from behind



SPECIAL EFFECTS: The 3-D effects in "Robinsons" are organic, not gratuitous.

you and enter the screen.

The story itself, however, is strictly 2-D. Young Lewis (voiced by Daniel Hansen) is left at an orphanage as an infant. Being the science geek that he is, he invents a memory scanner to go back and find his mom. Instead, he winds up in the future, where a family of lovable misfits and weirdoes takes him in. Angela Bassett and Tom Selleck are among the vocal cast.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Weekend Entertainment

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Our favorite go-go band right now is **FAMILIAR FACES**, led by Donnell Floyd, who fronted the legendary Rare Essence from 1983 to 2000. The percussion section contains members of the Northeast Groovers and veterans of 911, R.E. and E.U. Familiar Faces just released a CD and DVD of the band's performance at the Positive Black Men Coalition's annual Night of Elegance gala, and the official release party is tonight at the **SHERATON HOTEL IN CRYSTAL CITY**. Hosted by MC Lyte — yes, "Ruffneck" MC Lyte — and featuring a show that mixes smooth R&B, jazzy standards and hands-in-the-air go-go, tickets are \$20 and the dress code is strict: no athletic wear, ten-

nis shoes or Timberland boots.

While the organizers of Cubik continue to search for a new home for their weekly electronic music parties, they've been nomadically hosting events at other clubs. There are two coming up in the next week at the **9:30 CLUB**, but we're most excited about tonight's pairing of **MSTRKRFT** and **DIGWEED**. Digweed (formerly partnered with Sasha) is a groundbreaker in the progressive house and trance worlds, though his latest "Transitions" compilation series sounds a little more electro-tech to our ears. Mstrkrft, meanwhile, is a Canadian-by-way-of-New York electro duo best known for dance floor-filling remixes of DFA 1979, Annie, Brazilian Girls, Bloc Party and the stunning reworking of Panthers' "Thank Me With Your Hands." Tickets are \$30 in advance, and doors for this late show open at 11 p.m.

OSCAR D'LEON, nicknamed "the lion of salsa," is one of the best soneros you'll ever hear. No matter what he sings, his rich, nuanced voice rolls



THAT RARE ESSENCE: Familiar Faces will celebrate their new CD and DVD releases.

and swirls with the brass section. It's an amazing instrument, and it's all the more remarkable when you realize he's been performing and recording pretty much nonstop since the 1970s, playing double bass and leading orchestras from his native Venezuela to Cuba, Europe and beyond. D'Leon is at **H2O** tonight, and if you get on the guest list at H2Odc.com,

you can get in for free — and enjoy an open bar and snacks before the show. Doors open at 9 p.m., the open bar runs until 11 p.m. and D'Leon should hit the stage around 11:30 p.m. or midnight.

SATURDAY

When the sun comes out, our thoughts turn to warm weather

and Caribbean-style parties — and **ZANZIBAR** isn't letting us down. This weekend's "Spring Fest 2007" features **SWEET MICKY**, the veteran kompas vocalist and Wyclef collaborator, and **CARIMI**, a young Haitian band that plays jump-up zouk and kompas rhythms with fantastic vocal harmonies. Tickets are \$30 in advance and "more" at the door, so plan ahead. See www.zanzibar-otw.com for advance purchases.

If you send us an e-mail imploring us to "**SAVE THE BOOBS**," we're going to read it. If it involves free beer, you've got our attention. So all credit goes to a group of 20-something women who are participating in the 40-mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in May. Team Save the Boobs is trying to raise \$18,000 for the cause, and its hosting a fundraiser tonight at the **BOT-TOM LINE**. After 9 p.m., a \$20 donation gets you unlimited beer until the kegs are drained.

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Looking For Love

'The Lookout' is a smart, subtle and suspenseful drama

FILM | "The Lookout" may look like another bank heist caper, but it's actually a beautifully drawn character drama, and the rare film that balances subtlety with suspense.

Then again, that shouldn't seem too surprising coming from long-time screenwriter Scott Frank, an Oscar nominee for Steven Soderbergh's "Out of Sight" who also wrote the scripts for "Get Shorty" and "Minority Report," among many others. "The Lookout" also marks Frank's debut as a director, and he shows a keen instinct for creating a taut mood and eliciting strong performances from his talented actors,

especially Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

Formerly the youngest cast member of the TV comedy series "3rd Rock From the Sun," Gordon-Levitt is developing into an intriguing performer of unexpected depth. There's an irresistible confidence about him; he makes even the most complex roles look effortless.

Gordon-Levitt stars as Chris Pratt, a once-promising high school athlete who suffers a head injury in a car crash that leaves him with short-term memory loss. Frank sucks us in early with his pacing as he introduces us to Chris' life, which consists of a daily routine he must remind himself to run through.

As part of his rehab, Chris has been paired with a blind man, with whom he shares a spare downtown apartment. This idea alone could



STILL FAR FROM THE SUN: Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("3rd Rock From the Sun") leaves behind the sitcom world for a dark and excellent performance in "The Lookout."

have been painfully feel-good, but as played by a randy Jeff Daniels, it's a source of dark comic relief.

Several years after his accident, Chris makes some dangerous new friends at a bar who eventually ask him to help them rob the bank where he works as a night janitor — to serve as the lookout. Gary (Matthew Goode) buddies up to him and treats him like one of the guys, something Chris hasn't experienced in a long time. Meanwhile, a stripper with a heart of gold named Luvlee (Isla Fisher) kills him with kindness, making him feel like the big man on campus he once was.

One thing that's so great about Frank's script is the nuance with which he depicts Chris' relationship with his new friends. They're probably bad people, but they're also a hell of a lot of fun to hang around, which is seductive and exciting for him and for us. They make him happy — and we grow to like Chris so much, we want to see him happy.

Trying to figure out whether they care about him at all, or are just using him, is one of the film's great joys. But there are no easy answers in this small gem of a picture. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

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THE INDIE FLICK "ISLANDER" was filmed on location in Rockland and Vinalhaven, Maine — where else to place a drama about fishermen feuding over the dwindling lobster supply? The issue comes to a violent conclusion, and fisherman Eben Cole (Thomas Hildreth, also the film's co-writer) must deal with the consequences while trying to get back his life and family.

Flick Is a Free-for-All

Universal trying to drum up viewers for 'Peaceful Warrior'

INNOVATION | For everyone who complains movie tickets are getting too expensive, Universal Pictures has an answer: \$15 million in free tickets for an upcoming movie. There's one catch — the freebies are for a film that came out last year.

In an unusual effort to drum up an audience for "Peaceful Warrior," Universal will return the film to theaters on Friday, supported by a national ticket giveaway. The thinking is that if enough people see the film for free, they will recommend it to others and help build a large following for the adaptation of Dan Millman's best-selling book "Way of the Peaceful Warrior."

Even though "Peaceful Warrior" did not attract raves from most film critics, research screenings and exit



HANGING IN THE BALANCE: The "Peaceful Warrior" film campaign is a risky one.

polls suggested that audiences loved the film. But it never went beyond the art-house world, playing in fewer than 50 locations.

The twist with the new "Peaceful Warrior" campaign is that moviegoers need to go to a Best Buy or the electronic store's Web site through April 1 to procure as many as 10

free tickets.

Unlike the Lionsgate release, Universal plans to bring "Peaceful Warrior" to between 500 and 1,000 theaters.

If the giveaway works, Universal will start buying more traditional advertising. **JOHN HORN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)**

Weekend Entertainment



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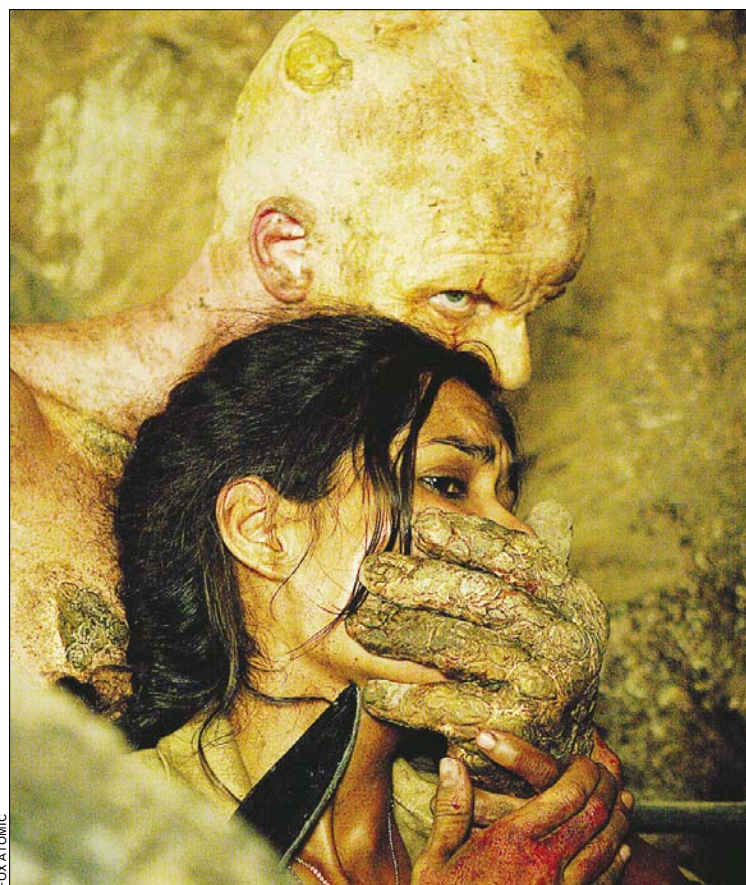
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300 (R, 105 minutes) This cartoonified version of a hard day's work on the coast of Greece, where 300 Spartans stood against a much larger horde of Persians, fails to offer any theories of Spartan greatness. The movie makes no arguments at all; it's entirely an overblown visual document with an IQ in the lower 20s. The action is all showy and stylized, never quite realistic. Director Zack Snyder overdoes the slow motion until it becomes comic, and the whole package aestheticizes violence, leaching its meaning, distancing us. (SH)

AMAZING GRACE (PG, 117 minutes) This film follows the resolute efforts of 18th-century British politician William Wilberforce (Ioan Gruffudd) to persuade Parliament to pass a bill renouncing slavery. The movie chronicles Wilberforce's many obstacles along the way, including a resistant political body, a war with the French and Wilberforce's ill health in his later years. The film also follows the equally uneven trajectory of Wilberforce's long friendship with William Pitt the Younger (Benedict Cumberbatch), who became



'WOW, I'M SO SURPRISED! YOUR HAND SMELLS LIKE LAVENDER.' The mutant Chameleon (Derek Mears) quiets Missy (Daniella Mears) in "The Hills Have Eyes 2."

British prime minister and worked to help him in his mission. Unfortunately, this movie is about as bloodless and matter-

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have the dull imprimatur of a historical docudrama. (DT)

AVENUE MONTAIGNE (R, 100 minutes) This delicately charming fable set in Paris offers the kind of experience we secretly crave when we visit any great city: meaningful encounters with its people. At the center is Jessica (an impishly radiant Cécile De France), a sweetheated gamine from the provinces who has just arrived in the capital. To this country girl, Paris is the city of luxury, a picture-postcard world of hotels, expensive restaurants and fine living. This vicarious sojourn in Paris leaves us with souvenirs that few real trips could ever produce. (DT)

BLOOD DIAMOND (R, 125 minutes) Pounding action, pulse-quickenning adventure and of-the-moment politics animate this mostly great thriller starring Leonardo DiCaprio. He plays a smuggler named Danny Archer who finds himself a mercenary middleman between rebels in Sierra Leone and European diamond merchants. Archer meets Solomon Vandy (Djimon Hounsou), who was kidnapped by rebels, forced to work in their mines and, while digging, found and hid a huge pink gem. With the help of an American journalist, Maddy Bowen (Jennifer Connelly), the two men search for the diamond, which for Archer will ensure his escape from Africa and for Vandy will help him find his son, who has become a child soldier. Things get out of hand during the film's last half-hour,

but the film is a gem, if only for being an unusually smart, engaged popcorn flick. (AH)

BREACH (PG-13, 110 minutes) This film examines in microscopic detail the endgame of the manhunt for FBI mole Robert Hanssen, who pleaded guilty in 2001 to spying for Russia. The acting is superb, particularly from the three principals: Ryan Phillippe as O'Neill, Chris Cooper as Hanssen and the great Laura Linney as Kate Burroughs, O'Neill's supervisor in the secret operation. (SH)

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG, 96 minutes) This beloved children's book has not just survived but thrived in its adaptation to the screen, its delicate combination of coming-of-age angst, tragedy and fantasy handled with assurance and taste by first-time live-action director Gabor Csupo. Audiences should be prepared for a major tragedy that strikes in the third act; the film winds up being a lesson, not just in love but in loss. But mostly the former, as Jess experiences for the first time that true love means building a world together. (AH)

CHILDREN OF MEN (R, 106 minutes) This audacious, sweeping, sobering and finally exhilarating film by Alfonso Cuarón ("Y Tu Mama Tambien") stars Clive Owen as a bureaucrat in 2027 London, the last outpost of the closest thing to civilization in a world gripped by pandemic infertility and a worldwide immigration crisis. When Owen's character, Theo, is pulled back into his activist past by his former lover, Julian (Julianne Moore), he embarks on an epic chase adventure in which the motivation is nothing

less than the survival of the human race. Adapting P.D. James's futuristic novel, Cuarón makes masterful use of cinematic grammar to create a story, a mood and an atmosphere that feels eerily contemporary. People who care deeply about the future of filmmaking will walk out of the theater on air. (AH)

DEAD SILENCE (R, 90 minutes) The creators of "Saw" turn their attention to a ghost story about a man who must uncover the truth behind a curse on his hometown that killed his wife and threatens his own life. (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

DREAMGIRLS (PG-13, 131 minutes) "Dreamgirls" arrives with more than its share of baggage; the hit Broadway musical, which opened in 1981, is such a cherished icon that it's taken 25 years for it to be made into a movie. But even with Jennifer Hudson's triumphant arrival and an overall fizzy mood of singing, dancing, pop nostalgia and camp, "Dreamgirls" is an uneven crowd pleaser. (AH)

GHOST RIDER (PG-13, 105 minutes) Nicolas Cage plays Johnny Blaze, a motorcycle stunt jock. He's a second-generationer, having learned the flying

trade from his dad, who one day tried to fly too far and was brought low for it. But that was after Johnny inked a contract with Old Scratch, in order to save his dad from cancer. It was the devil's trick to get Johnny to sign, then take the old man via different means! In any event, years later, the devil (Peter Fonda) wants the due Johnny cheated him out of in the first place; though a fraud, the contract is still binding. What follows are a lot of loud, chaotic action sequences for an audience acculturated more to NASCAR, tractor

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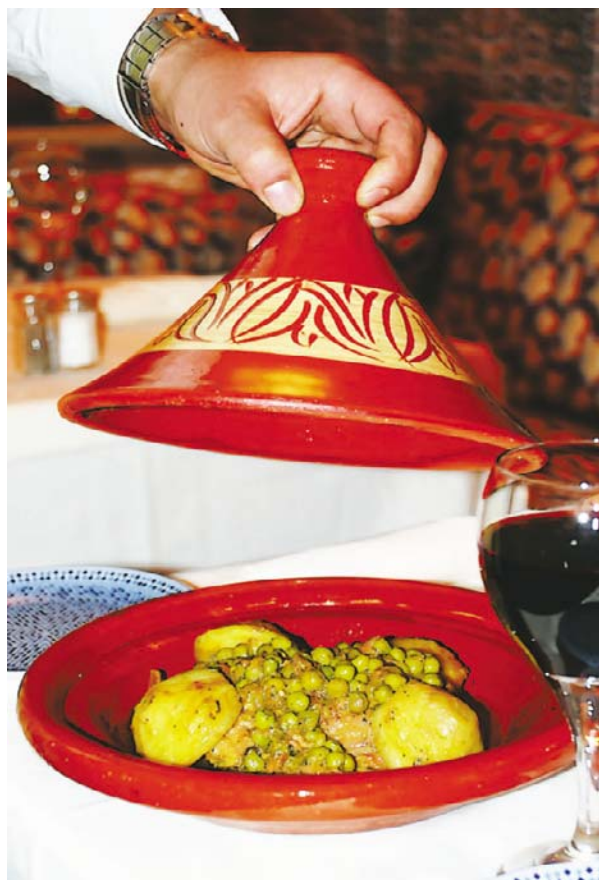
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pulls and demo derbies. (SH)

THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R, 89 minutes)

This is strictly a cash-in quickie that follows up the unusually vivid and compelling original remake (of a much earlier film) of a year ago. That 2006 variant, directed by French mad genius Alexandre Aja, was brisk, inventive, vivid, funny and frightening, and made a lot of bucks. This one, directed by Martin Weisz, is lazy, dull, unbelievable and dreary. Instead of a family at risk, Weisz deploys a National Guard squad to the rocky hills and tunnels of "Area 16" in the Southwest and follows as the inexperienced citizen soldiers are mowed down by guys in bad makeup jobs. Actually, it feels more like a follow-up to another excellent horror film, "The Descent," in that much of the action takes place in tunnels and caves with mutants popping out of crevices or shadows to eat and drink poor Mary. The cast is unknown and uninteresting. It's just lazy and formulaic. (SH)

THE HOST (Unrated, 119 minutes) This Korean film has such a wide range of attributes—it's a comedy, it's a vivid evocation of a dysfunctional family that comes together in crisis, it's a wondrous homage to the courage of children, it's a biting critique of the government—that it's hard to recall that it's first and foremost a monster movie—an old-fashioned monster movie with a heart. (SH)

HURRICANE ON THE BAYOU (Unrated, 40 minutes) You'd think it would be impossible to make a happy film about Hurricane Katrina, but this I-max film pitched at children gives it a try. The story about life on the bayou, the loss of wetlands and the impact of that loss on New Orleans when Katrina roared in is told through the eyes of Amanda Shaw, a teenage fiddle player who gives a wide-eyed tour of the musical and natural beauty of the Louisiana swamplands. There imagery is incredible, but the narrative is built one happy cliché at a time. (PHILIP KENNICOTT)

I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R, 94 minutes) This movie, which Chris Rock directs and stars in, chronicles the misadventures of the married man who seems to have it all and who is tempted to chuck it all for something more exciting but must ultimately decide which is more important: frolic or family? Rock plays Richard Cooper: investment banker, suburban dad with a beautiful wife, beautiful kid, beautiful house, completely fulfilled except "I am so [bleeping] bored!" as he proclaims in voice-over. His wife, Brenda (Gina Torres), is just too tired too often.



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Still, he's a dreamer, not a hustler, until... enter, stage left, on cue, bad girl. She's an old college friend, Nikki Tru (Kerry Washington). We watch, with comic rapture, as she becomes a larger part of his life, and we see the danger signs way before he does. At the same time, the movie is hilarious. (SH)

THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R, 121 minutes) This film concerns the flamboyant African despot Idi Amin, said to have been responsible for the murder of 300,000 of his fellow Ugandans during the '70s. The movie uses a fictional device to get up close and personal, but Amin, representing a human extreme, is so much more interesting than his witness, a young Scottish doctor. (SH)

THE LAST MIMZY (PG, 90 minutes) This movie is about the escalating adventures of two Seattle children who discover a mysterious black cube that proves to be a Pandora's box of scary dimension. Unfortunately, it triggers more intriguing ideas than it has the storytelling acumen to consolidate. When Noah Wilder (Chris O'Neil) and younger sister Emma (Rhiannon Leigh Wryn) open the box, out come various objects, including a shell encrusted with something crystalline, a square piece of glass with strange symbols and a stuffed bunny Emma immediately identifies as Mimzy. The objects afford both children extraordinary powers. Based on Lewis Padgett's short story,

it references a confusing array of New Age and science-fiction ideas; it's hard to get a bead on what we're watching. The best element is a subplot involving Noah's spiritually obsessed teacher (Rainn Wilson) and his wacky girlfriend (Kathryn Hahn), whose bumbling eccentricities give the movie an emotional liveliness it otherwise lacks. (PT)

THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R, 137 minutes) This German movie begins in 1984, when the secret police, or Stasi, routinely bugged, tailed and intimidated its citizens. Plotted as tautly as a cop procedural but playing more like a modern allegory, this film personalizes its Orwellian world through the eyes of Gerd Wiesler (Ulrich Muehe), a frosty Stasi officer. To watch this film is not just to enjoy a fabulously constructed timepiece; it's to appreciate a deft cautionary tale. (PT)

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formers has an undeniable adorability factor, but most of the issues are professional. I don't think the ending is up to the rest of the movie, but Grant and Barrymore are great together, and the movie has both zing and song. (SH)

THE NAMESAKE (PG-13, 117 minutes) This film begins in the late 1970s on a train to Calcutta when a young man, Ashoke Ganguli (Irfan Khan), meets a passenger, who encourages him to see the world. It is the combination of this meeting, the calamitous event that follows and the short story he is reading at the time that sets Ashoke's future. After marrying Ashima (Tabu), he immigrates to America and starts a new life. Like the best-selling novel it's based on, this movie chronicles two generations of an immigrant family with compelling flow. Indian director Mira Nair and screenwriting partner Sooni Taraporevala do an exemplary job of telescoping the book's extensive narrative into a two-hour experience. Although we miss some of the finer details that made Jhumpa Lahiri's book so meaningful, we're moved by the movie's themes of cultural displacement and the power of chance. (DT)

NORBIT (PG-13, 102 minutes) This movie, which follows the misery of the title character (Eddie Murphy), a nerd who's caught between his abusive, extremely rotund wife, Rasputia (Murphy in big mode), and his beloved childhood sweetheart, Kate (Thandie Newton), does have its moments, most of them slapstick. But this movie isn't one of Murphy's best, a poor cousin to his other family comedies, and as Rasputia, whose catchphrase is a brassy "how you doin'?", he's surprisingly unfunny. (DT)

PAN'S LABYRINTH (R, 112 minutes) It's 1944, the fascists have just won Spain's civil war and a girl named Ofelia (Ivana Baquero) is traveling with her mother, Carmen (Ariadna Gil), to live with her new stepfather, a Nationalist army captain named Vidal (Sergi López). When Ofelia arrives at her new home, it becomes clear she matters little to Vidal. Ofelia increasingly takes refuge in a richly imagined fantasy life, one that eventually leads her to a faun living in the titular labyrinth on the house's property. With this film, director Guillermo del Toro seems to have created his manifesto, a tour de force of cautionary zeal, humanism and magic. (AH)

PEACEFUL WARRIOR (PG-13, 120 minutes) Scott Mechlowicz plays Dan Millman, a Berkeley gymnast who, though having it all, is wracked by fear, guilt and emp-



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teness. One night, he jogs by a gas station, whose gruff owner is played by Nick Nolte. Dan chats the older fellow up and finds him a unique repository of the kind of wisdom a high school sophomore would find impressive. Well, you can see where this is going. Socrates, of course, stands

for the principle of self-abnegation, of the wise suggestion to concentrate on the journey itself, not the goal. All this stuff is probably right. It's just that the director, Victor Salva, underscores his points with thunderous obviousness and manipulates us through ham-handed plot gam-

bits: the big accident, the recovery, the anger, the secret recovery, the triumph at "the finals." Aghhhhhhh. (SH)

PREMONITION (PG-13, 96 minutes) Sandra Bullock plays Linda Hanson, whose perfect life is suddenly thrown out of whack when she's told her hus-

band has died in a car crash — only to have him reappear the next day. Linda then embarks on the most scrambled week ever, as Monday and Thursday and Tuesday and Friday rearrange themselves in a Dali-like dreamscape of disasters, revelations and Linda's frantic attempts to rewrite the future (or is it the past?). Director Mennan Yapo does a good job keeping the incoherence coherent and capturing what's at the root of Linda's grief, and Bullock recalls her performance in "Crash" in a convincing serious turn. But the movie fatally falters in its last moments, with a happy-sad payoff that will leave audiences groaning. (AH)

PRIDE (PG, 104 minutes) This film follows an African-American swim team's bid for medals and self-respect. We are in Philadelphia as Jim Ellis (Terrence Howard), a talented swimmer himself, accepts the only job he can as a black

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TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13, 95 minutes) This movie, written and directed by Tyler Perry, may be strictly mezzo-mezzo as art, but it's wonderful as culture. The romantic melodrama, which stars Idris Elba as a poor mechanic and the equally attractive Gabrielle Union as the rich lawyer who falls in love with him, can be as clunky, obvious and poorly executed as Perry's earlier (and hugely successful) comedies. But what this

movie lacks in cinematic sophistication, it makes up for in setting (Atlanta) and characters (working- and middle-class African Americans), which ring consistently and refreshingly true. (AH)

WILD HOGS (PG-13, 105 minutes) This movie, starring John Travolta, William H. Macy, Martin Lawrence and Tim Allen, is another tale of almost-old men feeling so out of sorts that only a road trip can help. The boys decide to make that trip on that road, courtesy of some Milwaukee iron. Calling themselves the Wild Hogs, the four Cincinnatians set out to recover whatever it is they lost. But the movie never rises to the level of the professional, much less the comic.



Don Cheadle and Adam Sandler look shocked that "Reign Over Me" tanked.

The gags are witless and surprisingly gross. (SH)

ZODIAC (R, 170 minutes) This movie is based on the life of a young man named Robert Graysmith (Jake Gyllenhaal), an editorial cartoonist in San Francisco who, in the late 1960s and '70s, became obsessed with the "Zodiac" serial killer. The movie is not without value, but is largely without drama: It's mostly people talking. (SH)

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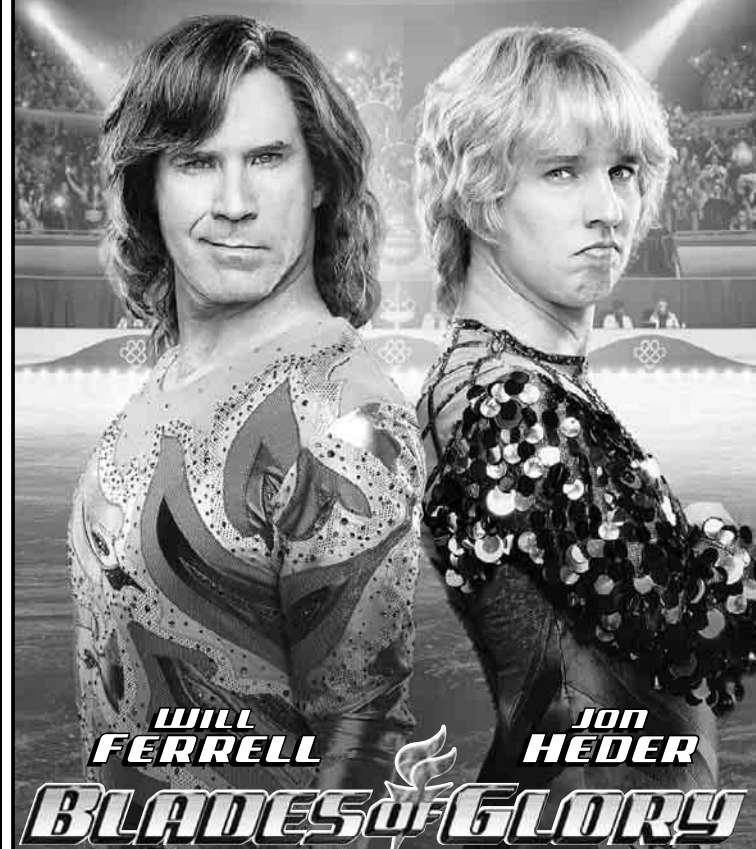
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SHOOTER (R) / (10:15 @ \$5), 1:10, 4:05, 7:15, 10:10
TMNT (PG) / (10:25, 11:50 @ \$5), 12:40, 2:05, 3:05, 4:20, 5:20, 6:45, 7:45, 9:10, 10:15
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DEAD SILENCE (R) 8:10, 10:45
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) (10:10 @ \$5), 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 10:05
PREMONITION (PG13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
300 (R) (11:15 @ \$5), 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40
WILD HOGS (PG13) (11:30 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 12:20, 3:00, 5:35

AMC SELECT
THE LOOKOUT (R) / (10:05 @ \$5), 12:25, 2:45, 5:25, 7:55, 10:35
PEACEFUL WARRIOR (PG13) (10:40 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:25

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) (10:30 @ \$5), 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:50
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) (11:00 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) (11:10 @ \$5), 1:35, 3:55, 6:20, 8:40, 11:00
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) (11:40 @ \$5), 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
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REIGN OVER ME (R) (10:25 @ \$5), 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10
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WILD HOGS (PG13) (11:55 @ \$5), 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20
WILD HOGS (PG13)  (11:55 @ \$5), 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) (10:40 @ \$5), 1:05, 3:30, 5:55

AMC SELECT
THE LOOKOUT (R) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

DEAD SILENCE (R) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 8:10, 10:40
ZODIAC (R) 12:30, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 8:00, 10:30
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 12:05, 2:15, 4:30, 7:40, 10:05

AMC SELECT
PEACEFUL WARRIOR (PG13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 9:45
THE QUEEN (PG13) 12:00, 2:15, 4:40, 7:50, 10:20

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220

BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) 1:05, 3:20, 5:45, 8:00, 10:20
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) 1:00, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40
THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) 12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:45, 10:10
PRIDE (PG) 12:50, 3:25, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45
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I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
PREMONITION (PG13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:15
300 (R) 1:50, 4:45, 7:50, 10:30
WILD HOGS (PG13) 2:20, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

300 (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
BREACH (PG13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50

AMC SELECT
ISLANDER (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:45, 10:00
STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:15
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 2:00, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
1-800-FANDANGO #713

300 (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

DIGITAL 3D
MEET THE ROBINSONS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3-D (G) / (10:15 @ \$8), 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) / (10:00 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05, 12:30
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) / (11:30 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40, 12:05
THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) / (10:30 @ \$6), 12:40, 2:55, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55, 12:15
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) / (10:05 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15
PRIDE (PG) / (10:20 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:20, 5:50
REIGN OVER ME (R) / (10:40 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:35, 7:25, 10:25
SHOOTER (R) / (10:45 @ \$6), 1:40, 5:00, 7:55, 10:55
TMNT (PG) / (10:00 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30, 11:45
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 7:45, 10:00, 12:20
PREMONITION (PG13) (11:25 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35, 11:55
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300 (R) (10:25 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 8:25, 9:45, 11:15, 12:25
WILD HOGS (PG13) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35
BREACH (PG13) (11:15 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10

AMC SELECT
THE LOOKOUT (R) / (10:35 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00
THE NAMESAKE (PG13) (10:55 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:30

AMC RIVERTOWN 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) / 1:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30
MEET THE ROBINSONS (G) / 12:50, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40
THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) / 1:10, 4:25, 7:35, 10:10
PRIDE (PG) / 1:40, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30
SHOOTER (R) / 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15
TMNT (PG) / 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:10, 10:40
DEAD SILENCE (R) 7:30, 10:20
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
PREMONITION (PG13) 1:40, 5:15, 8:00, 10:35
300 (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:25, 10:20
WILD HOGS (PG13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:25
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
NORBIT (PG13) 1:30, 4:30

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) / 12:10, 1:10, 2:20, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15
REIGN OVER ME (R) / 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
TMNT (PG) / 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:50, 9:00
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 4:20, 10:05
ZODIAC (R) 1:00, 6:40
BREACH (PG13) 12:00, 2:50, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

AMC SELECT
THE LOOKOUT (R) / 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

LOEWS SHIRlington 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

THE NAMESAKE (PG13) 1:40, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00
THE HOST (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 2:10, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R) 2:00, 4:50, 8:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:30, 3:50, 7:10, 9:20

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
1-800-FANDANGO #741

BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) 2:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
PRIDE (PG) 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
REIGN OVER ME (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10
SHOOTER (R) 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
300 (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

BLADES OF GLORY (PG13) / 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 (R) / 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
THE LAST MIMZY (PG) / 12:50, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
REIGN OVER ME (R) / 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
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MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13)

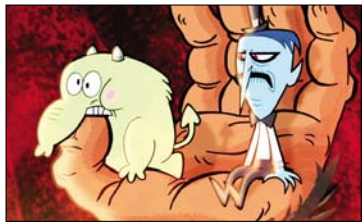


tent. But the identities of the board members have always been a secret. Worse, many contend, the board's decisions seem capricious.

MYSTICAL ANIMAL SYNERGY

GRIM REAPER + KIDS = FAMILY FUN
Even cartoons get into the morbidity act with **BILLY & MANDY'S BIG BOOGEY ADVENTURE** (Fri., 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Cartoon Network). This marks the feature-length adaptation of "The

LIKE A GRAPHIC NOVEL MARATHON
On five repeats of **HEROES** (Fri., Sci Fi),
Mohinder's father arrives in New York



(7 p.m.), Texas tragedy (8 p.m.), Hiro and villains (9 p.m.), George Takei stars as Hiro's father (10 p.m.), HRG held hostage (11 p.m.).

BOOGERS, BURPS & BOY BANDS

Justin Timberlake is the celebrity of the moment. For proof, look no further than the **KIDS' CHOICE AWARDS** (Sat., 8 p.m., Nickelodeon), hosted by the pop star and two-time "Burp Award" winner. This also marks the 20th anniversary of the awards. Young viewers vote for their favorites, and there should be plenty of loud, gooey shenanigans to go around.

TAKE YOUR RATING & SHOVE IT
The documentary **THIS FILM IS NOT YET RATED** (Sat., 11 p.m., IFC) challenges the movie-ratings system and the MPAA ratings board. The board is said to consist of moms and dads who get paid by the studios to assign ratings based on their subjective notion of each film's con-

HENRY, PORTRAIT OF A PSYCHO
 "The Sopranos" isn't the only family on premium cable to combine murder, intrigue, treachery and sex. Make room for **THE TUDORS** (Sun., 10 p.m., Showtime). The most startling aspect of this highly entertaining series is the casting of the virile Jonathan Rhys Meyers ("Elvis," "Velvet Goldmine") as Henry VIII. Rhys Meyers leaves little to the imagination as to how and why this man seduced and abandoned six wives, countless mistresses and a nation to boot.

AWARD SHOW ABOUT NOTHING
Don't go looking for any fireworks on **JERRY SEINFELD: THE COMEDIAN AWARD** (Sun., 9 p.m., HBO). Anderson Cooper hosts this award show, and comics Robert



GOLDEN BOY: Jonathan Rhys Meyers shines as creepy & crazy King Henry VII.

Klein, Chris Rock and Garry Shandling come to praise Seinfeld and kid him ever so slightly. The proceedings gain some zip only at the very end, when Seinfeld accepts the award while lambasting the idea of awards and awards shows.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

3:30-07		6:00 PM		6:30		7:00		7:30		8:00		8:30		9:00		9:30		10:00		10:30		11:00		11:30						
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	(4)	News				NBC Nightly News		Access Hollywood		Identity (N) (1)				Raines "Reconstructing Alice" (N) (1)			Law & Order "Good Faith" (N) (1)		News		News		Tonight Show						
	WTTG	(5)	Seinfeld (1) (1)		The Simpsons (1)		The Simpsons (1)		Seinfeld (1) (1)		House "Histories" (1) (PA) (1)				The Wedding Bells "The Fantasy" (N)			News		News		News		Every-Raymond						
	WJLA	(7)	News		ABC Wild News		Wheel of Fortune		Jeopardy! (N)		Grey's Anatomy (1) (1)				(01) Six Degrees "Get a Room" (N)			20/20 (1)		News		News		(35) Nightline						
	WUSA	(9)	News		Evening News		News		Entertainment		Ghost Whisperer (N) (1) (1)				Close to Home "Making Amends" (N)			NUMB3RS "Pandora's Box" (N) (1) (1)		News		News		Late Show						
	WDCA	(20)	Scrubs (1) (1)		Scrubs (1) (1)		Judge Joe Brown		Judge Judy (N) (1)		★ "A Guy Thing" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Jason Lee, Julia Stiles. (1) (1)						The Tyra Banks Show (1)		Still Standing (1)		Still Standing (1)		Still Standing (1)							
	WMPT	(22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)			Business Rpt.		State Circle		Washington Week		NOW (N) (1)			Masterpiece Theatre After Anne Boleyn's execution, Henry VIII marries again.				Roadshow FYI		Smart Travels									
	WETA	(26)	BBC World News			Business Rpt.		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Washington Week		Inside Wash.			NOW (N) (1)		CChase Home		WETA All Access		WETA Guide		Charlie Rose (N) (1) (1)							
	WHUT	(32)	White House			Tavis Smiley (1)		BBC World News		Moneywise		Evening Exch			More Love and Logic: How to Raise Kids				BBC World News		Tavis Smiley (1)		Charlie Rose (N) (1) (1)							
WDCW	(50)	My Wife and Kids			My Wife and Kids		Friends (1) (1)		NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Florida Panthers. (Live) (1)								Will & Grace (1)		Will & Grace (1)		Sex and the City		Sex and the City							
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Crossing Jordan "Strangled" (1)					CSI: Miami "Driven" (1) (1)					CSI: Miami "Free Fall" (1) (1)					CSI: Miami "Dead Air" (1) (1)					Intervention Jacob abuses drugs. (N)					Intervention "Follow-Up 2" Follow-up.			
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries (1)					The Planet's Funniest Animals (N)					Meerkat Manor		Saving-Otter			Growing Up... "Walrus" (1)					Animal Cops Houston "Baby Love"					The Planet's Funniest Animals (1)			
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)					★★★ "Baby Boy" (2001, Drama) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding, A.J. Johnson. (1)					Comicview (1)					Comicview (1)					Jamie Foxx					Jamie Foxx			
	Bravo	Friday Night Lights (1) (1)					★★★ "Casino" (1995, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone, Joe Pesci. A mob employee makes a play for power in 1970s Las Vegas. (1)															★★★ "Casino" (1995) (1)								
	Comedy	(4:30) ★★ "Boomerang" (1992) (1)					Scrubs (1) (1)		Scrubs (1) (1)			Daily Show		Colbert Report			Mind of Mencia		South Park (1)			Com.-Presents		Com.-Presents			Com.-Presents			
	Court	Hollywood Heat		Masterminds			Cops (1) (1)		Cops (1) (1)			Disorder in the Court II			Forensic Files		Forensic Files			The Investigators Wrongful conviction.					Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice					
	Discovery	It Takes a Thief (1)					Dirty Jobs Vermont cheese. (1)					Survivorman (1)			Survivorman (1)			Survivorman (1)			Survivorman (1)					Stunt Junkies				
	DISCH	Code Blue (1)					Impact: Stories of Survival (1)					Critical Hour "The Final Farewell"			Dr. G: Medical Examiner (1)			Skeleton Stories Decomposing body.					Critical Hour "The Final Farewell"							
	Disney	Life With Derek		That's So Raven			Hannah Montana		Zack & Cody			Hannah Montana		Cory in the House			★★★ "Stuart Little" (1999) Geena Davis. A mouse has various adventures.					Zack & Cody		That's So Raven						
	E!	Paradise City		Paradise City			E! News (N)		The Daily 10 (N)			Chris Farley: E! True Hollywood Story			SNL Remembers Chris Farley			The Soup (N)		Crazy Hollywd			E! News		The Daily 10					
	FX	King of the Hill (1)		King of the Hill (1)			That '70s Show		That '70s Show			That '70s Show		That '70s Show			That '70s Show		That '70s Show			Dirt "Ita Missa Est"								
	HGTV	Look What I Did!		Extreme Homes			If Walls Could		House Hunters			Designed to Sell		Buy Me (1)			24 Hour Design		Curb Appeal (N)			House Hunters		House Hunters						
	Family	7th Heaven "Hot Pants" (1) (1)					Smallville "Dichotic" (1) (1)					★★★ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. Earthlings vs. evil aliens in 15-mile-wide ships. (1)										The 700 Club (1)								
	History	Our Generation		Mail Call (1)			Modern Marvels: Jet Engines (1)					Mail Call (1)			Dogfights "The Zero Killer" (1)			Modern Marvels: Salt Mines (1)					Modern Marvels: Quarries (1)							
	Lifetime	Reba (1) (1)		Reba "Red Alert"			Still Standing (1)		Still Standing (1)			Reba "The Will"		Reba (1) (1)			"Family in Hiding" (2006, Suspense) Brenda Strong. (1)					Will & Grace								
	MTV	Next (1)		Wild n Out			Wild n Out		Wild 'n Out (1)			Wild 'n Out (1)		Wild 'n Out (1)			Jackass (1)		Jackass (1)			Bam's Union		Bam's Union						
	NICK	Ned's School		Fairly OddParents			SpongeBob		SpongeBob			Fairly OddParents		Fairly OddParents			Jimmy Neutron		Jimmy Neutron			Full House (1)		Full House (1)						
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Children of the Gods"					Heroes "Six Months Ago" (1) (1)					Heroes "Fallout" (1) (1)			Heroes "Godsend" (1) (1)			Heroes "The Fix" (1) (1)					Heroes "Company Man" (1) (1)							
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)					CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)					CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)					Pros vs. Joes (1)					Disorderly Conduct: Video on Patrol								
TBS	Seinfeld (1) (1)		Seinfeld (1) (1)			Every-Raymond		Every-Raymond			★ "The Cookout" (2004, Comedy) Ja Rule, Tim Meadows. (1)					(9:55) ★★ "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) Whoopi Goldberg. (1)														
TLC	Flip That House		Flip That House			Take Home Chef		Take Home Chef			Wild Weddings (1)			What Not to Wear Weight loss. (N)					What Not to Wear "Kristin V." (1)			What Not to Wear Weight loss. (1)								
TNT	Law & Order "Born Again" (1)					Law & Order "Genius" (1) (1) (DVS)					★ "Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder. (1)					★ "Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder. (1)														
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (1)					Law & Order: Criminal Intent (1)					Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)					Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)					Monk (1)									
VHI	I Love New York		I Love New York "Clip Show" (1)			★★★ "8 Mile" (2002, Drama) Eminem. A Detroit man tries to achieve success as a rapper. (1)										Acceptable TV (N)		Hollywood Sec.			Best Week Ever		Acceptable TV (1)							
SPAN	TELEM	Daniela		Noti-Telemndo			Dame Chocolate			Marina			Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa					Decisiones					Noti-Telemndo		Titulares y Mas					
	UNIV	Que Locura		Noticiero Univ			Duelo de Pasiones			La Fea Más Bella (N)					Destilando Amor					Nuestra Belleza Latina					Primer Impacto		Noticiero Univ.			
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (1)					NBA Shootaround					NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Orlando Magic. From Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla. (1)					NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Los Angeles Lakers.													
	ESPN2	LPGA Golf: Nabisco Champ.					ATP Tennis Sony Ericsson Open - Semifinal. From Miami. (Live) (1)					Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) (1)										SportsCenter (Live) (1)								
	CSN	Washington		SportsNite (1)			NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Washington Wizards. (Live)					Wizards Post.					SportsNite (Live) (1)			March Madness Coaches' Show										
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (1)					The Situation Room					Paula Zahn Now (1)					Larry King Live (1)					Anderson Cooper 360 (1)								
	FNC	Special Report (Live) (1)					The Fox Report With Shepard Smith					The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (1)					Hannity & Colmes (Live) (1)					On the Record-Van Susteren								
	MSNBC	Tucker					Hardball (1)					Countdown With Keith Olbermann					Lockup "Return to Valley State"					Lockup "Inside Kern Valley"								
MOVIES	AMC	(5:45) ★★ "The Quick and the Dead" (1995, Western) Sharon Stone. 'R'										★★★★ "Glory" (1989, Historical Drama) Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington. 'R'					★★ "Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Meyers" 'R'													
	TCM	(5:30) ★★ "Gunsight Ridge" (1957)					Festival of Shorts Cartoon Alley					★★★ "To Sir, With Love" (1967, Drama) Sidney Poitier. Premiere. 'NR'					★★★ "Cheers for Miss Bishop" (1941, Drama) Martha Scott. 'NR'													
	HBO	(5:00) ★★ "Prime" (2005) (1) 'PG-13'					The UCLA Dynasty (1) (1)					★★★ "16 Blocks" (2006) Bruce Willis. (1) 'PG-13'					(4:50) Rome Mark Antony returns to Alexandria. (1) (1)					Real Time With Bill Maher (1)								
	MAX	(1:05) ★★ "The Sentinel" (2006, Suspense) Michael Douglas. (1) 'PG-13' (1)										★★★ "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005) Johnny Depp. 'PG' (1)					★★★ "Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton. (1) 'PG-13'													
	SHOW	(1:15) ★★ "Blood Simple" (1984) John Getz. iTV Premiere. (1) 'R'										This Am. Life		This Am. Life			The L Word "Long Time Coming" (1)			Penn & Teller		Penn & Teller			Debbie Does					
	TMC	Car 54, Where					★★ "Game 6" (2005) Michael Keaton. (1) 'R' (1)					★ "Belly" (1998, Crime Drama) Nas, DMX. (1) 'R' (1)					(3:50) ★★ "Tomorrow Never Dies" (1997) Pierce Brosnan. (1) 'PG-13' (1)					(3:50) On the Outs								
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Uncharted territory: The Nats came into spring training hoping to find four gems to fill their rotation. Now, the real test begins. | 31

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Candace Parker's Volunteers face UNC.

→ **USUAL SUSPECTS:** The women's Final Four features familiar faces such as Pat Summitt and Ivory Latta. But after Sunday, one of their teams will be heading home. First, surprise Rutgers battles LSU for a championship berth (7 p.m. on ESPN), followed by a great UNC and Tennessee duel (9:30 p.m. on ESPN) that will feature Candace Parker in her, gasp, first Final Four.

→ **AND THEN THERE WERE TWO:** After Saturday, the men's NCAA tournament field will have been reduced from 65 to 2. Georgetown against Ohio State (6:07 p.m. on CBS) starts the action and is followed by UCLA and Florida (8:47 p.m. on CBS).

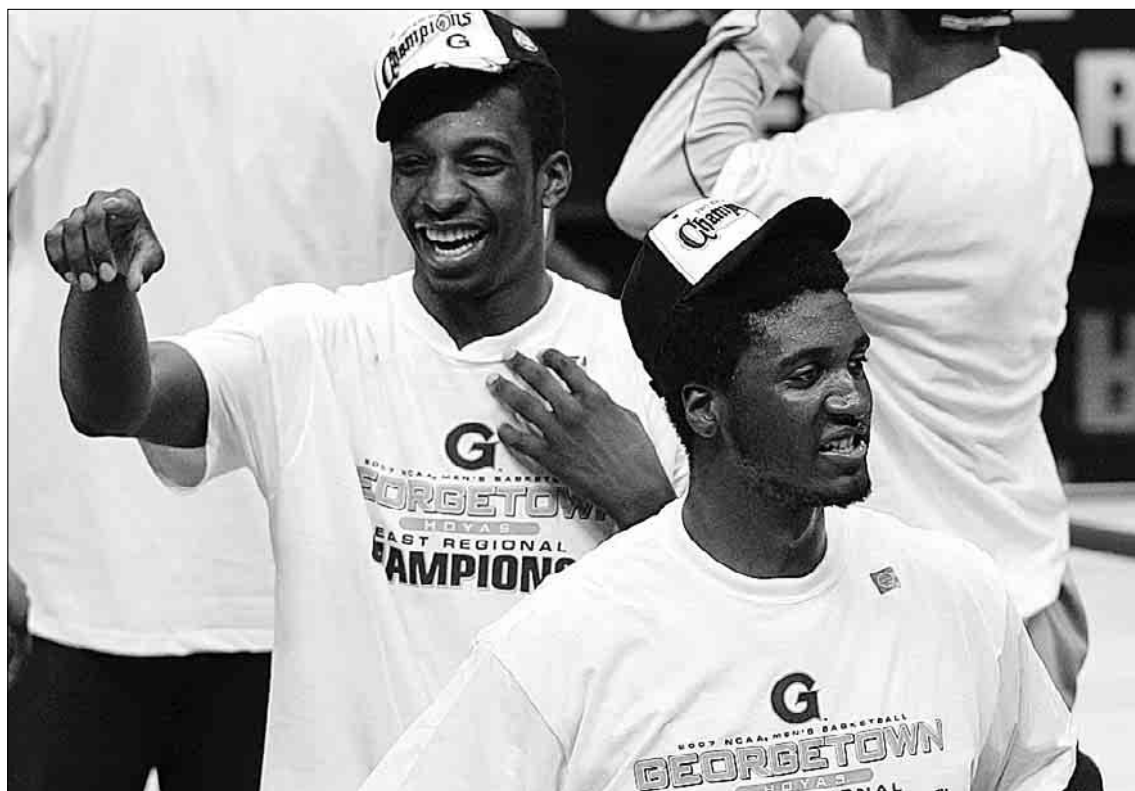


→ **PEANUTS AND CRACKER-JACKS:** The 2007 baseball season kicks off on Sunday (8:05 p.m. on ESPN2) with

the NL championship series rematch between the N.Y. Mets and Albert Pujols' St. Louis Cardinals.

→ **PLAYOFF POSITION:** The Wizards look to solidify their playoff seed on Friday (7 p.m. on CSN) as they host the talented and surprising Toronto Raptors.

→ **WARMING UP IN THE SUNSHINE STATE:** The Caps can work on their tans this weekend as they set up shop in Florida to play the Panthers on Friday (7:30 p.m. on CW50) and Tampa Bay on Saturday (7:30 p.m. on CSN).



BACK ON TOP: Jeff Green, left, and Roy Hibbert will play in their first Final Four this weekend, Georgetown's first in 22 years.

On the Hilltop

Hibbert, Green came to Georgetown to lead the program back here

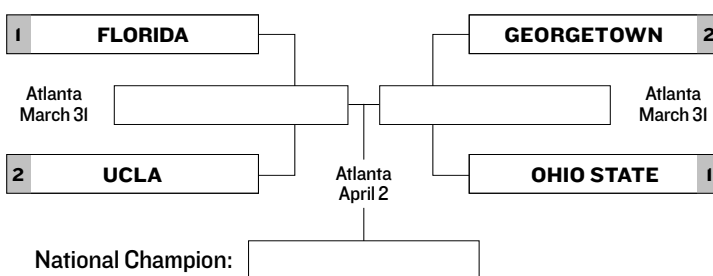
HOYAS HOOPS | It was not too long ago and not too far from Georgetown's hilltop campus that Roy Hibbert and Jeff Green played in a summer league together.

Hibbert, a 7-foot-2 center from Adelphi, Md., had committed to play for the Hoyas as a sophomore at Georgetown Prep. His fellow Prince George's County native Green, from Hyattsville, was still deciding.

So while sitting on the bench one day, Hibbert changed from college prospect to university recruiter.

"He was telling me how great we would be if I came here," Green recalled this week. "I'm glad I made

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the right choice."

Add a 6-foot-1 guard from Alabama named Jonathan Wallace — who didn't even have a scholarship freshman year — and you have the foundation for what would become the group that returned Georgetown to the Final Four.

On Saturday, the Hoyas face No. 1 seed Ohio State in Atlanta with a spot in Monday's title game on the line.

When the class of 2008, which also included Tyler Crawford, arrived in Northwest D.C., the dust had just settled on Craig Esherick's disappointing run as Georgetown's coach.

The only thing great about the school's basketball program was its past, which it reached out to in hiring coach John Thompson III away from Princeton.

The freshmen found plenty of playing time in Thompson's first year, which ended with a spot in the NIT. The trio then led Georgetown to a win over then-No. 1 Duke last year — a precursor to reaching the Sweet 16.

“He was telling me how great we would be if I came here. I'm glad I made the right choice.”

JEFF GREEN, ABOUT ROY HIBBERT RECRUITING HIM TO GEORGETOWN

And, again, it was Hibbert, Green and Wallace who took charge of a squad with much higher expectations this season and met them by defeating North Carolina in the East regional final.

"We came in from Day One and had to learn really fast," Wallace recalled. "We see ourselves as the core of this team, from a leadership standpoint."

Green, the Big East player of the year, described the phenomenon as a "family atmosphere" that is now carrying on to the team's other players in the school's first trip to the Final Four since 1985.

No one on this team would know better about Georgetown's glory years than Patrick Ewing Jr., whose father won the championship in 1984 under Thompson's father. The younger Ewing learned not to settle for second-best.

"Our goal was not to get to the Final Four; it was to win the championship," Ewing said.

MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)



6:07 P.M. | CBS SATURDAY



NCAA TOURNAMENT | Road to the Final 4.0 Sports management majors at Lynn University are taking the ultimate class trip — to the Final Four — and getting credit for it. As part of a course titled "The Final Four Experience," students and a couple of professors are heading to Atlanta to get a firsthand look at what goes into the major sporting event. The group arrived Wednesday and, other than attending the games, will have the opportunity to tour the city's pro and college sports stadiums and network with team executives and sponsors. (AP)

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>> A GLANCE AT SOME OF THE KEY PLAYERS IN THE TOURNEY



FLORIDA, GUARD

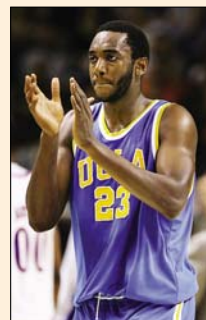
Taurean Green

The discussion about Florida usually begins and ends with the big men: Joakim Noah and Al Horford. But it's been Green who has led the Gators through the tournament. The team's leading scorer (13.3 points per game) and assist leader (3.7) has also been its most consistent player during the NCAA tournament. In Florida's last three games, Green has put up 14, 17 and 21 points.

GEORGETOWN, FORWARD

Jeff Green

He's the guy who can take over a game — even more so than Roy Hibbert. At 6-foot-9 and 235 pounds, with a quick first step and an ability to make acrobatic shots from just about anywhere near the basket, Green provides matchup problems for most teams. He hit the game-winning shot in the Hoyas' nail-biter against Vanderbilt in the Sweet 16, and then put the team on his back with 22 points and nine rebounds to beat UNC in overtime and send the Hoyas back to the Final Four.



UCLA, FORWARD

Luc Richard Mbah a Moute

At 6-foot-8, the sophomore from Cameroon isn't going to scare Florida's big-time rebounders. His average of 7.5 boards per game doesn't even crack the nation's top 100. But he can be an impressive rebounder in spurts, and he's snagged 10 or more boards in 10 games this season. It's a tough challenge, but Mbah a Moute and the 6-foot-9 Lorenzo Mata are the only chance for UCLA, not a great rebounding squad, to keep Florida off the glass.



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OHIO STATE, GUARD

Mike Conley Jr.

Greg Oden may look like a 40-year-old man, but it's his freshman counterpart at point guard who plays with the maturity of an NBA player. He averages 11 points per game on an impressive 51.4 percent field goal percentage, but he's best at the things that make a guard particularly valuable. He averages 6.1 assists per game (seventh-best in the nation) and is a threat on defense, too, with 2.2 steals per game. Those steals lead to a lot of fast-break points, and it's a big reason the Buckeyes can score points in a hurry.

UCLA, GUARD

Arron Afflalo

Afflalo is the leading scorer on a team hoping to play in its second straight championship game. He is averaging 16.9 points and 2.7 rebounds per game, and he has been the leading scorer in 19 of the Bruins' 35 games, including the last two tournament games. UCLA has trouble winning when Afflalo isn't scoring — in the team's Pac-10 tournament loss to California, he put up just three points — but those games are rare. IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

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The Final Four's Regulars

Summitt and the Lady Vols back in familiar tournament territory

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT | Every woman who has completed her eligibility at Tennessee and played for coach Pat Summitt has been to at least one Final Four.

Now, Summitt is leading a new batch of Lady Vols to their 17th national semifinal in the 26 years of the NCAA tournament.

Even before women started playing in the NCAA, Summitt was going to Final Fours. Her first was in the AIAW in 1977, three years into her tenure on Rocky Top.

In typical fashion, Summitt attributed her long line of success to other people — assistant coaches, players and university administrators.

"It's about surrounding yourself with great people and obviously having a great staff," she said Wednesday.

Top-seeded Tennessee will face another No. 1 seed, North Carolina, in the national semifinals on Sunday in Cleveland. LSU and Rutgers will face off in the other game.

The reason the Lady Vols have made it to 65 percent of the Final Fours since the NCAA tournament began in 1982 is pretty clear to North Carolina coach Sylvia



SECOND NATURE: Pat Summitt cuts down another net after Tennessee beat Mississippi to advance to another Final Four.

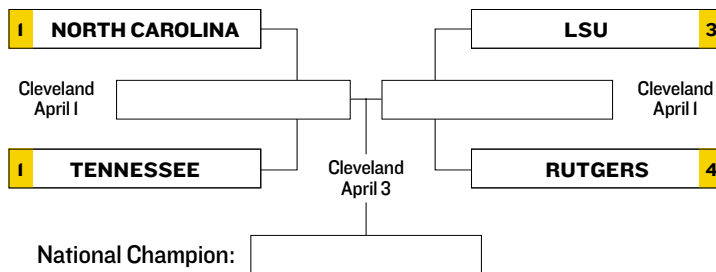
Hatchell.

"Well, I would say Pat Summitt. Pat knows how to get it done," Hatchell said.

Hatchell and Summitt are good friends anyway. Hatchell was the junior varsity coach at Tennessee in 1975 while earning her master's degree.

Hatchell, who's coached in Chapel Hill since 1986, has the Tar Heels in the Final Four for the

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second straight year. They won the national championship in 1994.

Summitt and Tennessee are 17-10 in Final Four games with six national titles but none since 1998.

This is the first Final Four for star Candace Parker. She had to sit and watch in 2005 when Tennessee got there because she was redshirting due to a knee injury. The Lady Vols lost in the regional finals to North Carolina last season.

A trip to the Final Four is so expected at Tennessee that the section in this year's media guide on the NCAA tournament reads: "A date with the Final Four — We mark our calendars."

The Lady Vols haven't gone more than three seasons between Final Four appearances.

Summitt said she's been able to keep the program strong because of the support from her staff and the university.

Her top assistant, former player Holly Warlick, has been on Summitt's staff for all six titles. Summitt considers her other assistants, Dean Lockwood, a former men's coach, and former player Nikki Caldwell, good enough to be head coaches elsewhere.

Summitt said the assistants are crucial in helping her recruit and develop the players.

Playing the toughest schedule in the country every year and then having a huge home-court advantage with a large number of fans also has helped. ELIZABETH A. DAVIS (AP)

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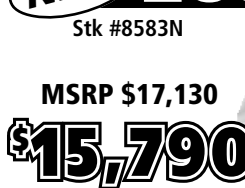
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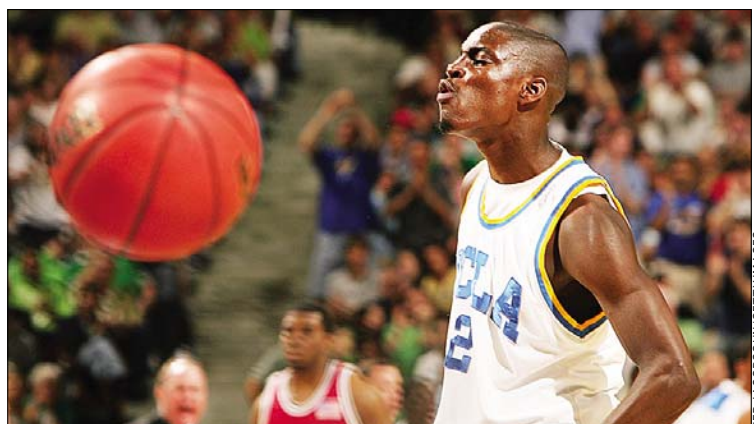
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Darren Collison has filled in admirably for Jordan Farmar, who left for the NBA.

Hardly Missing Farmar

Collison has stepped up big since UCLA's star left for the NBA

NCAA TOURNAMENT | UCLA fans were in mourning last June when Jordan Farmar, the Bruins' outstanding point guard, passed up his final two years of eligibility to turn professional.

With the emergence of Darren Collison, memories of Farmar, who's mostly sitting and watching as a rookie with the Los Angeles Lakers, have faded.

"Jordan was very good. Darren has some natural athleticism, some natural quickness, that allows him to do some things for our team that we couldn't do last year," said

UCLA coach Ben Howland. "Because of that, our team has really flourished."

Collison has been especially effective in UCLA's march to the Final Four, averaging 13.8 points and doing an exceptional job of hawking the opposition's backcourt players in four NCAA tournament games.

UCLA leads with its defense — one of the nation's best — and Collison is a key ingredient in that regard.

He played in all 39 games for the Bruins last year, averaging 5.5 points, 2.3 assists and 0.9 steals. The 6-foot-1 sophomore from Rancho Cucamonga averaged 12.8 points, 5.7 assists and 2.3 steals this season.

"Last year, I was providing energy off the bench, and I did absolutely what it took to help the team win, in whatever aspect," Collison said. "This year, I have a much bigger responsibility and a much bigger role."

Collison and the Bruins reached the NCAA championship game last spring, losing 73-57 to Florida. The teams meet again Saturday in the national semifinals. JOHN NADEL (AP)

Breaking It Down

In this Final Four matchup, staying true to style will be the key

NCAA TOURNAMENT | Who's in control? Rarely does a Final Four matchup feature two teams that are both so talented yet so different. The winner will likely be the team that can control the tempo of the game and exploit its strengths: speed and sharp-shooting for the Buckeyes; size and defense for the Hoyas. Every battle will be key, but here's a look at three that could go a long way toward determining the

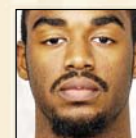
1. Staying Guarded

Mike Conley Jr. often takes the backseat to Ohio State's bigger freshman, Greg Oden. But the 6-foot-1 guard is the one that makes the offense go. He's averaging more than six steals per game and is third on the team in scoring (11 points per game). Plus, Conley is in the top 30 in the country in steals, averaging 2.2 per game, and his defense is truly his best offense. Ohio State can score in a hurry and force turnovers, with Conley as perhaps its quickest scorer. Wallace and freshman Jeremiah Rivers will have to protect the ball and try to get it down low to Green and Hibbert instead of trying to out-duel Conley and the Buckeyes' other talented guards.

2. Pace Makers

Ohio State plays three guards—Conley, Ron Lewis and Jamar Butler — most of the time, and will likely try to speed up the game to let

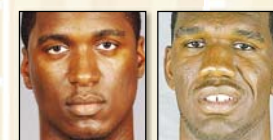
KEYS TO THE GAME



JONATHAN WALLACE
V. **MIKE CONLEY JR.**



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ROY HIBBERT
V. **GREG ODEN**

the quicker, smaller guards set the pace. By contrast, Georgetown plays a slower game, with three big men: Hibbert, DeJuan Summers and Jeff Green. The Hoyas may try to slow the pace by playing some zone, but Ohio State can shoot the lights out. On the other end of the floor, the Hoyas have athletically gifted forwards such as Summers, Green and Patrick Ewing Jr., who comes off the bench, who could present mismatches for the Buckeyes' shorter guards — if Georgetown is able to use its height to its advantage.

3. Centers of Attention

This game has been billed as the battle of the big men, and for good reason. It's not every day that you get two 7-footers going at each other in a college basketball game. And

in the Final Four? Historic. Both are post players in the truest sense. They stay close to the basket, block shots and snag rebounds. Oden is the talented star who came into college ready to be dominant on both ends of the floor. Hibbert didn't have it as easy, but he has grown into his body and is now generally considered an NBA lottery pick. "He brings a lot of energy to the court," Roy Hibbert said of Oden earlier this week. "The way he gets offensive boards and tip-ins — I'm going to have my hands full Saturday." The key will be staying in the game. Both players have struggled with foul trouble during the tournament, and Hibbert sits a lot even when he isn't fouling, averaging just 26.4 minutes per game. But when they're both in, expect an epic battle. IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

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Off the Radar

A pitching staff full of unknowns hopes to help keep the Nats afloat

NATIONALS | It's been a grand experiment.

Rarely, if ever, has a team entered spring training with an open competition for four of the five starting rotation spots. But the Washington

Nationals did. And when the season opens Monday against the Florida Marlins at RFK Stadium, the club will begin to learn whether this particular concoction of hurlers will jell or whether it will explode violently all over the mad scientists behind it.

General manager Jim Bowden and rookie manager Manny Acta are hoping for the former. But their situation is made all the more precarious by the fact that the staff's ace, John Patterson, has never won more than nine



Nationals rookie manager Manny Acta, right, will have his hands full managing this young pitching staff and bullpen.

RICK STEWART/GETTY IMAGES

games in a season and missed nearly all of 2006 with arm troubles.

Behind him is a collection of prospects and projects whose shoulders bear a large share of responsibility for the Nationals' fate in 2007. Many have predicted that fate will include more than 100 losses.

"I think we came out of it a lot

"I think we came out of it a lot better than we thought we would."

MANNY ACTA, NATIONALS MANAGER

better than we thought we would," Acta told reporters recently.

Meet No. 2 starter Shawn Hill. Long a promising righty, his progress has repeatedly been halted by injuries. When healthy, his performance has ranged from solid to dominant.

No. 3 starter Matt Chico has been one of the Nationals' most pleasant surprises. At 23 years old, the left-hander was projected to start the year at Triple-A Columbus. But he built on his 12-6 record and 2.88 ERA in the minors in 2006 with a strong spring to earn the spot.

Right-hander Jerome Williams shook off a rough start to the spring by stringing together a handful of impressive starts to lock up one of the two remaining spots. The 25-year-old is 23-24 with a 4.03 ERA in four major-league seasons with the Giants and Cubs.

Journeyman Jason Simontacchi had locked up a rotation spot, but a groin injury means he'll likely begin the season on the disabled list. Meanwhile, Jason Bergmann is expected to keep his spot warm until he can return.

Fortunately, the Nationals expect their bullpen, anchored by closer Chad Cordero, to be one of their strengths. That group will be asked to provide a steadying presence when the rotation, as expected, runs into some rough patches. For now, the Nationals are optimistic, though cautiously so, about their experimental rotation.

"The fact that we have five guys that came in here and competed and have pitched well, I'm pleased with that," Bowden told reporters recently. "Now, that doesn't mean that you're going to do that when the bell rings." **DEREK TURNER**

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J. Williams	3	1	3.44	5	0	18.1	14	11	9	7
J. Bergmann	0	1	4.50	5	0	16.0	19	8	8	11
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NCAA TOURNAMENT | BY MATT SWENSON

Gators Are Still Team to Beat

BEFORE THE NCAA tournament began, we predicted that Georgetown would meet Florida in the title game and that the Gators would repeat as champions.

Two and a half weeks later, there is no reason to change that pick.

The Hoyas match up well against Ohio State, and it looks like there is no stopping Florida.

Let's start with Georgetown's game Saturday, the opening act of the Final Four.

The Buckeyes, as talented as they are, have shown a propensity to start slowly in this tournament, only to recover just in time to win games. In fact, you can argue that Ohio State should have lost to Xavier and Tennessee.

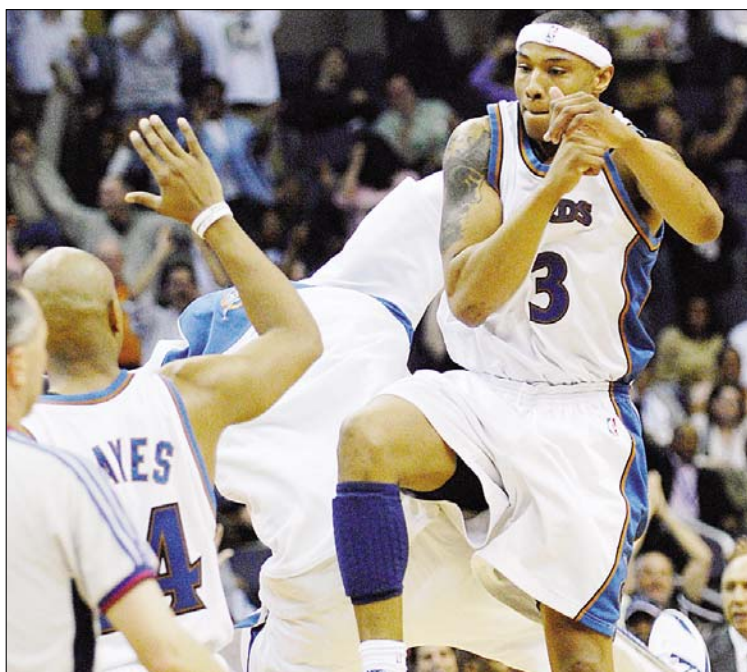
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The Hoyas' biggest advantage is experience. Jonathan Wallace, Roy Hibbert and Jeff Green have played three years of college basketball together, while phenoms Greg Oden and Mike Conley Jr. are still freshmen.

Maturity wins out, which also gives Florida — a team that returns all five starters from last year's championship team — an advantage over UCLA, which is finally forced to play outside of California.

Of course, we all know the Gators knocked out the Hoyas in last year's Sweet 16 in a four-point game. Look for another close affair, but the combination of talent, experience and speed look too formidable for Georgetown.

The Gators will be champs, but Georgetown is back to its elite status to stay.



JUMPING FOR JOY: Caron Butler celebrates after hitting a 75-foot buzzer beater during Wednesday's game. He missed the last five games with a knee contusion.

Wiz Welcome Back Butler

Team thrilled to have forward playing after tough losing road trip

WIZARDS | The man with the headband casts a long shadow, even from across the country.

Caron Butler rejoined the Wizards on Wednesday after sitting out the dark days of Washington's five-game West Coast swing with a left knee contusion.

If Washington takes one thing from the experience, it's that Butler has proved once again to be irreplaceable.

"Butler] makes plays at both ends of the floor," head coach Eddie Jordan said. "He's physical in the open floor, and he can push it off the rebound. That dimension we lost when he wasn't there.

"That 20 points and eight rebounds is something we don't replace, even with a combination of guys."

The numbers don't lie: Washington went 1-4 during Butler's absence.

It's not that the bench play was unacceptable during the trip. It's that forwards who can play like shooting guards one minute and post players

the next are rare commodities.

Butler has the ability to cut out the middleman on the break, grabbing rebounds and starting the transition game himself. He also has the ability to get his own shot at any time — something Wizards bench forwards struggle with.

When Butler and Antawn Jamison are in the lineup, Washington (38-32) has four players who can run the floor at all times, something most teams in the East can't compete with.

With him and Jamison now both on the court, Washington looked better under the boards, a place where they were embarrassed on the West Coast swing. The duo snagged 17 boards combined on Wednesday night.

Butler, who seemed to move cautiously while shooting an hour before Wednesday night's game, went on to play 40 minutes, finishing with 21 points in Washington's 111-108 victory — its first in four games.

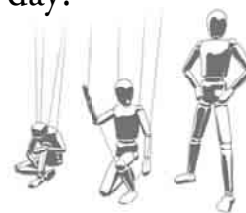
"I wanted to make the trip out [to the West Coast]," Butler said. "You say, 'I'll fly out there, but I'll just watch.' And then you try to inch your way onto the court. But it couldn't happen. It's just tough watching your brothers go out there and lose close games you could have helped." ERIC BRANDNER

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The Proof It Can Be Done

Lowly Penguins have managed to assemble a playoff-bound squad

CAPITALS | Beginning Friday night in South Florida against the Panthers, the Washington Capitals have five games to accumulate the five standings points they need to match last season's 70.

"We don't want to take a step backwards," coach Glen Hanlon said after Tuesday's 4-3 loss to Pittsburgh, which marked the

Caps' 18th defeat in 21 games and left their hopes for year-over-year improvement in jeopardy.

Facing that situation, it's hard to ignore the fact that it was the Penguins who finished below Washington in the conference standings last term, and, while the Caps' front office faces an offseason during which it must improve the squad, Pittsburgh has found the formula.

Like the Capitals (26-38-13), the Penguins were building around a second-year star. They have a much younger goaltender and spent most



Sidney Crosby is the center of a talented Pittsburgh team that's playoff-bound.

of the season preoccupied with the possible sale and transfer of the franchise. Yet behind Sidney Crosby's MVP-caliber performance, young talents like Evgeni Malkin and Jordan Staal and some shrewd free agent pickups, the 44-23-10 Pens have clinched a playoff spot.

Hanlon cited the play of young American defensemen Brooks Orpik and Ryan Whitney, in addition to the maturation of Crosby, as critical to Pittsburgh's turnaround. But there also was some reluctance to use the Penguins as a model.

"We can't copy Pittsburgh. We have to play our system," Alex Ovechkin said. "This year we take some more experience, and I think next year will be different."

Caps captain Chris Clark said it was chemistry, not necessarily talent, that would make the difference.

"You can put the best players on the ice but it might not be the best team. It happened here. It happened with the Rangers before the lock-out," he said. "Our players will be better here next year just from a year of experience."

Regardless of the recipe, the Penguins proved it can be done. The current Capitals have five more games to prove they belong.

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Entertainment

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Submit your resume and salary requirements to HR at USO HQ no later than April 4th, either by email at jobs@uso.org or by fax to (703) 908-6401. Only applicants selected for interview will be contacted. No relocation expenses. E/O/E. A/A.

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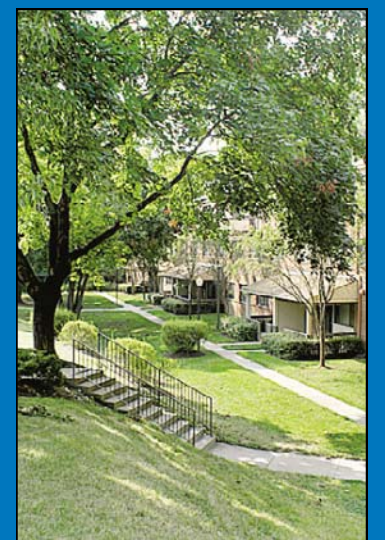
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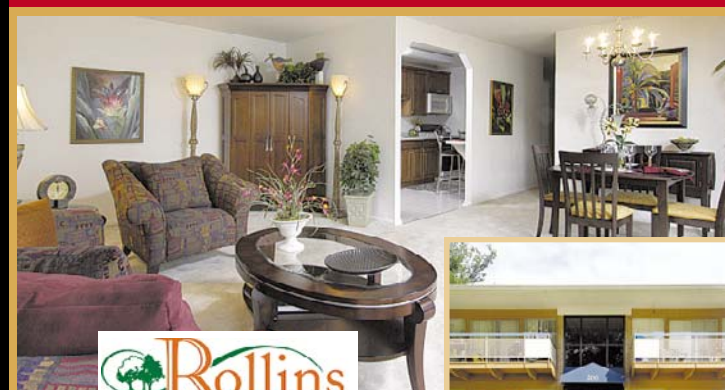
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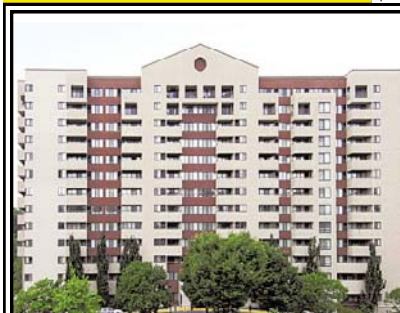
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Travel

Fight the fear: Go for a stroll on the Grand Canyon Skywalk

Few tourist attractions at the Grand Canyon have generated as much hype as the Skywalk, the mammoth glass-bottomed deck that extends 70 feet past the rim of the Grand Canyon and offers breathtaking views 4,000 feet above the canyon floor.

It's being touted as nothing less than a spiritual experience. David Jin, the Las Vegas businessman who paid \$30 million to build it, goes as far as to say that it enables visitors "to walk the path of the eagle."

When the deck opened for journalists earlier this month, I arrived early and worked my way to the front of the line. Police ushered me and several others onto the carpeted staging area, handing each of us paper surgeon's slippers to cover our shoes and protect

the glass.

The Skywalk is like a huge steel diving board. Architects embedded shock absorbers into the railing to dampen the vibration. The result felt a little like being on a cruise ship.

The Skywalk's builders have said repeatedly that the deck is extremely durable. It's essentially a huge steel horseshoe, capable of withstanding 100 mph winds and holding several hundred 200-pound people at a time.

I had no reason to doubt them. But out on the edge, my mind was

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WALKING ON AIR: Standing on the Skywalk has been called a spiritual experience.

the floor.

Finally, at the farthest point on the Skywalk, I stopped and peered through the transparent floor.

The cliff descended several hundred feet before it hit a narrow boulder-strewn shelf. Then it was straight down again, past a rainbow of strata, a few more chiseled ledges and into a dark crevice at the bottom.

This must be what Wile E. Coyote sees, I thought, just before gravity takes hold.

Far to the left, I could see ripples in the Colorado River. To the right was the triangular dip in the canyon wall that looks like the outstretched wings of a bird and gives this place its name: Eagle Point.

Taking the Plunge

racing: I tried to remember whether any government regulatory agency had checked how well this thing was anchored to the cliff. I wondered what it would sound like for a million-pound hunk of metal to uproot and tumble 4,000 feet.

I wasn't sure I liked this. I'm not a tall man, and the glass wall didn't even come up to my shoulder. The canyon winds were whipping all around me, and it seemed like a good swift burst would be enough to push me over.

A few dozen journalists had joined me on the Skywalk, and nobody else seemed as concerned as I was. They perched their chins on the glass wall and looked down. In front of me a British reporter laid on his belly and pressed his face to

I've been to the Grand Canyon more times than I can count, and I've never seen it quite like that. For me, the Skywalk was a little terrifying, but I can also see why a lot of people would want to come.

CHRIS KAHN (AP)

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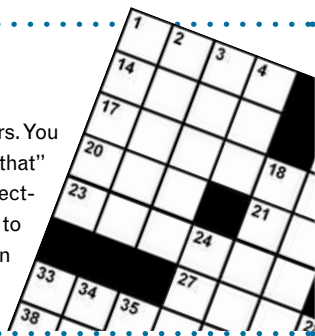
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comment board

“They should absolutely not be granted in-state tuition rates. Politicians on both sides of the aisle have been bemoaning the immigration problem, yet ... seem eager to pass whatever legislation necessary to provide illegal immigrants with as little motivation to become legal as possible.”

COMMENTER STEVEN CARR, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "SHOULD ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BE ALLOWED IN-STATE TUITION?"



“The xenophobia expressed here is eye-opening and frightening. Education is a right, not a privilege. Places in college are limited, and [should] be assigned through a competitive process. Many illegals are hardworking and smart and, with a college education, will make outstanding citizens.”

COMMENTER NOT A RACIST ALSO RESPONDS TO THE QUESTION.

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TODAY'S QUESTION

Who will win the men's NCAA tournament?

1. Florida
2. Georgetown
3. Ohio State
4. UCLA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Should illegal immigrants be allowed in-state tuition?

AS OF 6:30 P.M. THURSDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.

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81%

YES
19%

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“[D]oes anyone think Chipotle should start serving breakfast? All they would have to do is brew some coffee and replace the rice with eggs.”

WHYIHATEDC.BLOGSPOT.COM, IN A POST CRITICIZING SOMEONE WHO HAD A LIST OF THINGS TO LOVE ABOUT D.C., GOT SIDETRACKED AND STARTED THINKING ABOUT FAST-FOOD BREAKFAST.



“We don't know what Rove was thinking ... but if hip-hop wasn't dead before, he just shot it in the face.”

ADRANTS.COM REACTS TO WHITE HOUSE ADVISER KARL ROVE'S RAPPING AND DANCING AT WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RADIO AND TELEVISION CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION DINNER.



“KATHY LEE GIFFORD? Huh?

She has a life after Regis? Who knew? Do you think she has a burning dislike for Kelly Ripa?”

WHATSUPARLINGTON.BLOGSPOT.COM WAS SHOCKED TO DISCOVER THAT THE FORMER MORNING SHOW HOST IS WORKING ON AN UPCOMING SHOW AT THE SIGNATURE THEATRE IN SHIRLINGTON.

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“MY FIRST SHOCK came early on. I walked through the front door and a sign was posted saying that plastic bags were no longer free. What? They are now charging five cents to use a bag.”

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Home Decor Tips

Washington Post Home writers **ANNIE GROER** and **JURA KONICUS** were online Thursday to help you in your quest to achieve domestic bliss.

The article about the outdoor rooms brings up the question of how neighbors might feel about all that activity outside.

Jura Koncius: Very good point! All of this activity in a rowhouse backyard or in a tightly packed cul de sac could make for some crazy situations!

Is it OK to have two large mirrors in one room? I have a very small living room/entryway area and currently I have a mirror over the hallway table. I am also interested in putting a mirror opposite that wall over top the fireplace.

Annie Groer: Yes, you can. Mirrors open up rooms in a great way. You might try hanging them horizontally to elongate the room.

I'm really interested in the wallpapers discussed last week — the ones that peel off easily. But, really, how easily do they come off? Do they leave any significant damage to the walls?

Annie Groer: I just consulted the writer, Terri Sapienza, and though she has not tried it herself, every-

one she interviewed insisted it does come off easily. Maybe you should buy one roll, put it up inside a closet door or a hidden wall and try to remove it.

I'd like some advice on closet doors. Are bifold doors or sliding doors more up to date? Do you think Shoji doors are worth the extra cost over plain painted doors?

Annie Groer: Shoji doors are the most design-driven of the options you mention. If you have the money, it's a great look.

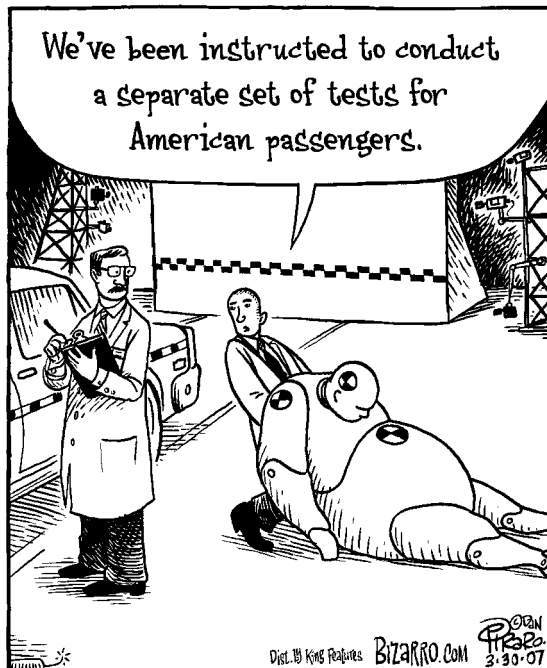


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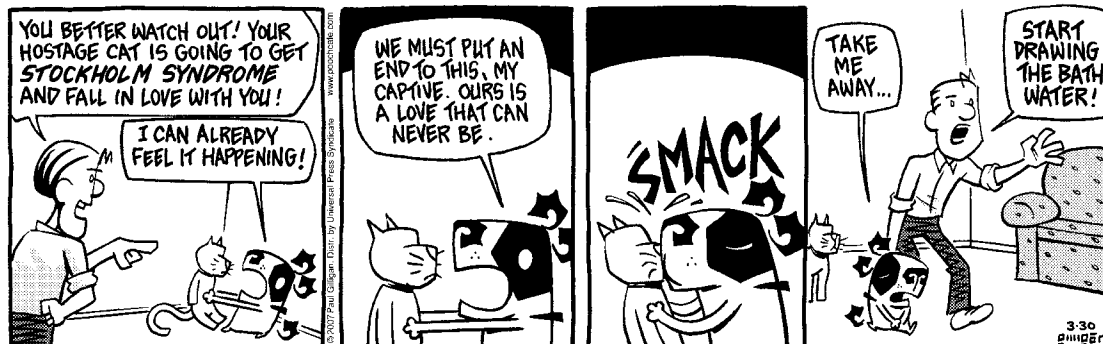
Post TV columnist Lisa de Moraes discusses the latest from the world of television at 1 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

DO

PLAN AHEAD FOR AN AWESOME EASTER. Del Ray's Artfully Chocolate is hosting parties to help kids (and parents) construct the best possible baskets. Don't worry about lost innocence — they never really believed a giant bunny brought candy in the night. See artfullychocolate.com for details.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

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"It's easy for short people not to be sloppy. Your mouth is closer to the plate."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be waiting to receive an important message from a friend or loved one far from home. Don't be idle; use the time to your advantage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may have to concern yourself with changes on the job—or with changing jobs altogether. Confidence needn't wane, however.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be at a point in your professional life where you are not exactly sure whether the rewards make the effort completely worth it. Reconsider.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You needn't express your disapproval verbally for others to get the message. Your actions are sure to speak louder than any words.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Control is what you want, but it may not be what you need at this time. Sit back, relax—and watch, listen and learn. Let others show you the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Questions and

answers come fast and furious during the first part of the day. You'll use new information almost immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take care of your mental, physical and emotional health. Make time to visit someone who knows you well, and who can speak frankly to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The need to show off in some unusual fashion is likely to be quite strong in you, but one part of your psyche will resist letting go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may get surprisingly wrapped up in domestic projects. Improvements you make around the house are sure to last.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You won't have any reason to doubt yourself, or those around you. You can end the day on a high note of increased potential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll surely want to be cautious, careful and thorough in all you do. Leave as little as possible to chance at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't be fooled: What you don't know can, indeed, hurt you—and those around you as well. If you don't know what you're doing, don't meddle.

Letters

Why No Formula 1?

IT'S SURPRISING that Express does not cover the Formula 1 racing season, since it covers other sporting events that are followed by few. Formula 1 is one of the most

watched sporting events in the world. It is watched in more than 200 countries. The only other sporting events that are watched more are the Olympics and the World Cup. You would think one would at least cover the results of a race.

—RORY ETHERINGTON
Via e-mail

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Today in History

1842 Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first uses ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation.

1867 U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reaches an agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal widely ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

1870 The 15th Amendment to the Constitution, giving all citizens the right to vote regardless of race, is declared in effect.

1964 John Glenn withdraws from the Ohio race for U.S. Senate because of injuries suf-



President Reagan is shoved into his limousine after being shot in 1981.

fered in a fall.

1981 President Reagan is shot and seriously injured outside a Washington hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia police officer.

LOOK

out

People



Nice to be home. Don't wanna live here.

ROOTS

J.Lo Returns to Bronx, Considers Purchasing It

JENNIFER LOPEZ, who has proudly declared herself “just a girl from the Bronx,” delighted fans in her old neighborhood by appearing at a local record store to sign autographs and promote her first all-Spanish album. A crowd of 500 gathered Wednesday to see her. (AP)

FUN

Clapton Invites Pals Over, Allows Public to Observe

ERIC CLAPTON is having a jam session with more than a dozen of his favorite guitar-playing pals, and everyone is invited. Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival, scheduled July 28 in Chicago, will benefit Crossroads Centre, the drug-rehab facility he founded in Antigua. (AP)



HERALDRY

Lord Bono At Last

BONO, 46, was named a Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire at the Dublin home of British Ambassador David Reddaway on Thursday. “You have permission to call me anything you want — except sir, all right? Lord of lords, your demigodness, that'll do,” he told reporters afterward. Because he's an Irish citizen, Bono won't have the title of “sir” before his name. (AP)



Some come for the free food. But Al can't resist a good honorary honor.

BOOKINGS

Need Al Gore at Your Party? Make Up a Specious Award

AL GORE will receive an honorary International Emmy award recognizing his role in launching the interactive Current TV channel. The International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences said this week that it will present the award to the former vice president in a Nov. 19 ceremony in New York. The Founders Award is presented to a person or organization “which crosses cultural boundaries to touch our common humanity,” said academy president Bruce Paisner. (AP)



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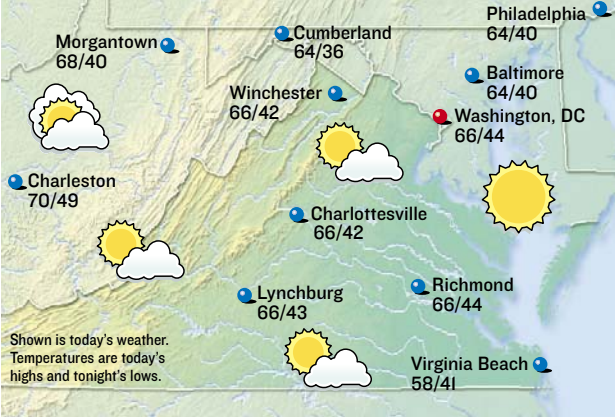
Michelle Gives Up Music For Career as Sharpshooter

A Maryland man accused of stalking **MICHELLE BRANCH** was arrested at her concert in Sheboygan, Wis., this week after she spotted him from the stage. “Michelle Branch just said, ‘Wait a second. There's a guy in the audience — striped shirt and glasses — can somebody check him out?’” said Cali Haas, 20, of Sheboygan, who was in the crowd. “It left everyone just so confused, like, ‘Is this a joke, part of the show?’” (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Clear	Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy, a shower possible	Partly sunny	An afternoon thunderstorm possible
66°	44°	65° / 46°	64° / 51°	73° / 54°	72° / 53°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High 62°

Low 43°

Normal high 60°

Normal low 41°

Average humidity 22%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"

Month to date 3.19"

Normal month to date 3.39"

Year to date 7.87"

Last year to date 5.76"

Normal year to date 9.23"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, sunny. High 66. Wind south-southwest 4-8 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 44. Wind west-northwest 4-8 mph. Saturday, mostly sunny. High 65.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:57 a.m.

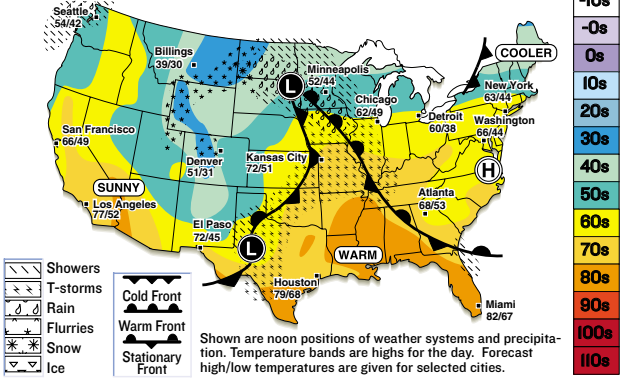
Sunset tonight 7:29 p.m.

Moonrise today 4:51 p.m.

Moonset today 5:38 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, March 30



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	68/53/pc	74/57/pc
Boston	56/34/s	48/32/s
Chicago	62/49/c	65/46/t
Dallas	77/56/t	72/50/t
Denver	51/31/pc	59/36/pc
Honolulu	80/69/s	82/66/sh
Los Angeles	77/52/s	75/54/s
Miami	82/67/s	81/68/pc
New York City	63/44/s	59/38/s
Orlando	80/61/pc	81/59/s
Seattle	54/42/r	54/39/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	52/41/sh	54/41/pc
Athens	63/50/pc	63/50/pc
Berlin	59/43/pc	61/43/pc
Buenos Aires	72/56/r	70/61/c
Calgary	53/25/pc	29/16/sn
Dublin	48/41/sh	50/39/pc
Geneva	52/36/r	54/42/c
Moscow	59/37/s	55/32/c
Rome	59/46/r	63/41/c
Sydney	73/59/s	71/59/s
Tokyo	62/48/sh	59/47/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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All Aboard

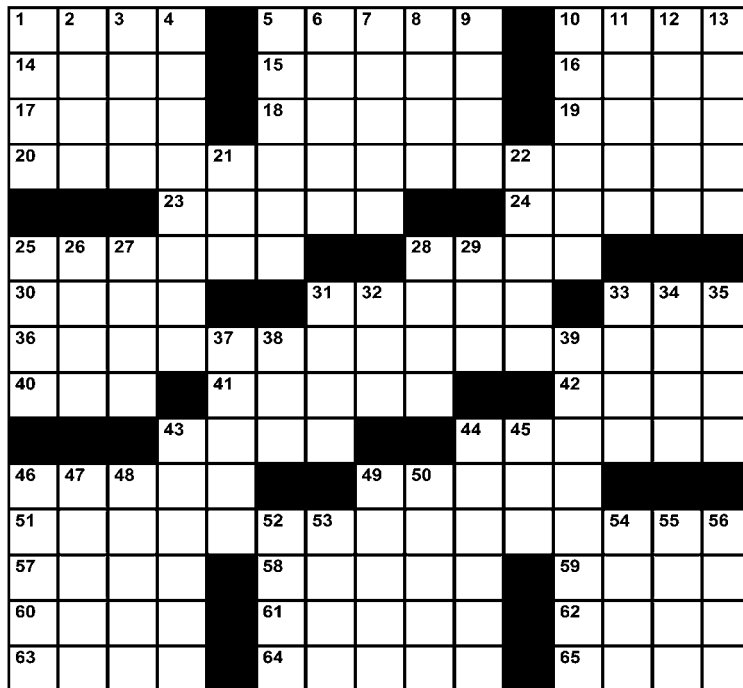
ACROSS

- 1 Jackson Five hairstyle
5 Attacked on all sides
10 Straw man's target
14 Dropping-into-water sound
15 Plant with spinachlike leaves
16 Freight car hopper, stereotypically
17 Copycat's request
18 ____ voice (almost in a whisper)
19 European auto
20 Speak from the heart, e.g.
23 Islamic prince (Var.)
24 Room with a view
25 Desert flora sight, perhaps
28 Mass. neighbor
30 What little things mean?
31 Newton knighted in 1705
33 Supplement (with "to")
36 It may be used in minor surgery
40 Albanian monetary unit
41 Head roaster
42 Mountain pass in India
43 Window frame
44 Having a diamond-shaped pattern
46 December mail recipient
49 Mechanical helper

- 51 Bibliophile's treasures
57 Retrocedes
58 Wandered about
59 Space race goal
60 Motion-carrying votes
61 Rudimentary seed
62 Book before Nehemiah
63 Steak specification
64 Blinds a falcon
65 Realize, as profits

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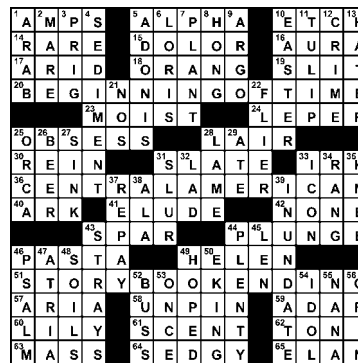
- 1 Church feature
2 Pale grayish yellow
3 An easy win
4 Bernstein's "Trouble in Tahiti," e.g.
5 Givers of orders
6 Irregularly edged
7 Mythical goatlike creature
8 Prefix meaning "outer"
9 Commandment starter
10 Appointed
11 "Three's Company" landlord
12 Manuscript marks
13 Stout detective
Nero
21 Three-toed Australian
22 French alternative
25 Work a square dance
26 Shower gel



- ingredient, often
27 Tilt, as the head
28 Grammatical category
29 Kind of bran
31 Rainfall measure
32 Finger-pointer's word
33 Pallid
34 It's on the watch
35 Social outing
37 The absolute minimum
38 12-hr. stretches
39 It's flipped in the kitchen
43 Landlocked federal republic in central Europe, to

- the French
44 Puts up with
45 Decompose
46 Plain as the nose on your face
47 Nation with a solid green flag
48 Waves of grain color
49 Show full of skits
50 "The Life of Riley" character
52 Cupid counterpart
53 Bird of peace
54 Sludge
55 Asta's mistress
56 Lose it

Yesterday's Solution



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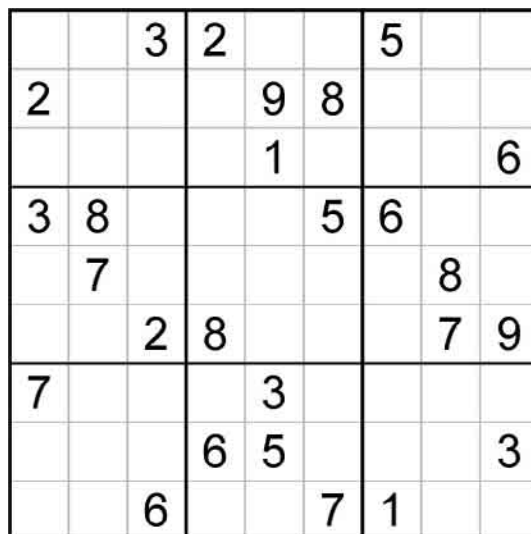
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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

5	8	9	6	4	3	2	7	1
3	4	6	7	2	1	5	9	8
7	1	2	9	8	5	3	4	6
2	5	1	4	7	9	6	8	3
6	9	3	2	1	8	4	5	7
8	7	4	3	5	6	9	1	2
9	6	5	8	3	7	1	2	4
4	3	7	1	9	2	8	6	5
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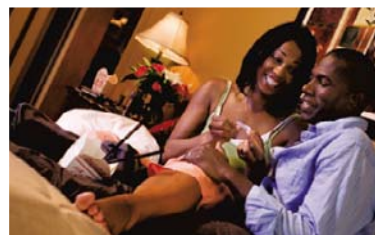
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face QA time

■ **Call José Andrés** the titan of tapas. The Spanish-born chef is the force behind seven local restaurants known for small plates, from Turkish-Greek Zaytinya to Jaleo, the three-branch temple that serves his homeland's stews, olives and sausages. He just reopened Oyamel, his hip Mexican joint, in Penn Quarter. And on April 1 at 9 p.m., he'll face "Iron Chef" champ Bobby Flay on the Food Network.

At Oyamel, you serve grasshoppers. Will people really eat bugs?

They're in tacos, and they're very good. The grasshopper tacos are the third-best-selling tacos on the menu. They aren't even as weird as softshell crabs.

Anything else surprising?

I think people think of Mexican cooking as this heavy, fatty kind of thing. But it's actually not just refried beans. It's got lots of fruits and vegetables, which we try to showcase at Oyamel.

What do you like best on the menu?

The fish tacos. They've got a green salsa made with chilies and avocados, which is a great combination.

Spanish food is your great passion. What's the key to making it well?

You need to have good Spanish ingredients like Serrano ham and olive oil.

So, if I have a tapas party at home, what would you recommend?

The only thing you need is to have fun. Don't do too many hot foods — they complicate things. Make a soup, maybe one tapa that is hot, then serve everything else at room temperature.

What about wine? What should people be drinking more of?

Tempranillo [a medium-bodied red]. It's got so many characteristics people will like — sweetness,



TERESA PEYRI

José Andrés

CHEF, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, FOODIE

roundness. It will someday be like Merlot in the U.S. And Albariño [a full-bodied white], too, is one of my favorites. It goes perfectly with seafood, because the grapes are grown next to the oyster and mussel flats.

Where do you dine out in D.C.?

Oh, so many places! Kaz, Sushi-Ko, Rocklands and the bar at Kinhead's

for the oysters. In Chinatown, I love New Big Wong (610 H St. NW; 202-628-0491). They have this menu you cannot miss, with ginger lobster, Dungeness crab and fried scallop rice. They serve geoduck, a giant clam, sashimi-style and fried.

Do you cook at home for your wife and kids?

Yeah, I'm always cooking. I do

"Grasshopper tacos are very good. They aren't even as weird as softshell crabs."

chickpeas and spinach, fried fish, croquettes and roasted chicken. And the other day I made a stew for 80 friends.

Wow. What went into it?

I made an olla podrida, which means "rotten pot." But it's not rotten, it just has many, many ingredients in it. It's like the mother of all stews. I put in like 30 meats — quail, rabbit, ducks — and 20 something different vegetables.

You've opened so many successful restaurants. What's your secret?

I'm creating boxes of memories, something like photo albums you'd share with friends. In my case, I'm sharing the cooking of my country.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

IN THE POST TODAY



Cherry Picks

Make the most of this year's Cherry Blossom Festival. Check out the highlights in the Weekend section.

Also in Weekend: A roundup of local comedy spots. Best bets for fun. Shows to catch. And what's new at the movies, on DVD and in video games.

Great weekends start with the Weekend section. Get it today!

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1 A Myth Match

WHETHER EMERGING from the sea on a clam shell or chilling on Mount Olympus, goddesses (and celebs who dress like them) favor serpentine, gilded jewelry with their togas. It's a vibe stylishly approximated by Elizabeth Cole's 24 karat-plated bijoux. The worthy-of-Aphrodite trove includes Gordian knot cuffs (left, \$295), coin earrings and rams-head necklaces. The bling (\$120-\$410) is sold to mere mortals at Terra (1706 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-8581).

Grab Bag

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Second Chance

DO YOU SNICKER AT the interlocked "C's" that emblazon Chanel merchandise? Did your grandmother wear Chanel No. 5? We think you might be convinced to embrace Chance Eau Fraîche (\$75, Sephora), a new take on the two-year-old Chance perfume. The fruity blend has hints of apples, citrus and wood—and a much younger vibe than most of Chanel's other perfumes. This spritz is more for the sporty set than the suited crowd.



3 Ultra Violet

THE INTERNET is a swell place to present-shop, unless you're gift-impaired. (No, we did not enjoy the fruitcake.) Help comes via violet.com, a new Webtique with search engines sorting merch by occasion (Birthday, Romance) and recipient (Hedonist Her, Intergalactic Client). Wry finds range from hip luggage tags (\$15) to mid-century mod espresso cups.



Southern Comfort

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AT FIRST GLANCE, Garden and Gun, on newsstands April 10, seems for those who like to both grow and shoot their own food. But while the title made us giggle (Next: "Diamonds and Demolition!"), the high-end magazine with a Southern slant is light on killing and full of classy travel, home and wildlife features.



5 Hot, Cross Bunny

FOR THOSE WHO LIKE their Easter foods as cuddly and anthropomorphic as possible, Harvest Bread Company (see greatharvest.com for locations) offers the Honey Bunny. The whole-wheat lapin carb-fests are handmade and relatively wholesome. But while eating something with a face isn't that bad, we found the suggestion you use the cute critter as a dip bowl kind of disturbing.

dear
manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

My boyfriend has invited me home for his family's Passover seder, to meet his parents for the first time. He suggested I dress as if it were Thanksgiving dinner, by which I think he means moderately formal. Please help! — MEGAN

■ Manolo says, ayyyyy! Such the honor to be invited home to experience this ancient and honored ritual! Truly, the boyfriend must like you, for otherwise he would not be so



willing to disappoint his mother, who has spent all that time working on his J-Date profile. Do not worry. She will certainly grow to like you, especially as you will arrive so respectfully and attractively attired.

The Manolo suggests dressing as if you were attending the adult dinner party with the French Ambassador, meaning somewhat conservatively, in subdued colors, and yet with the attention to style. You would certainly not wish to appear to be the shiksa hoochie mama. As for the shoes, the Manolo recommends the simple and elegant pump, such as this one, the Clara from the Stuart Weitzman (\$202.50, zappos.com).



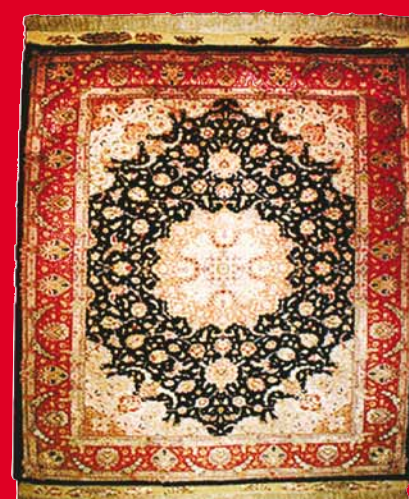
Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Doce wears a Nathalie deWolf dress (\$485, 202-409-3125) and vintage earrings (\$5, similar styles at Remix, 1906 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-549-4110). Hair and makeup by Richard Bernal, T.H.E. Artist Agency and Skin Beauty Lounge. Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Michelle Repiso.

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Track Stars

Carpenter pants. Trucker caps. The latest look co-opted from the blue-collar universe is the railroad stripe, but the new incarnation seems decidedly more feminine than its macho predecessors. The historic blue-and-white pattern, beloved of 1970s teens and sweaty men working all the live-long day, would look sassy with bold solids (try yellow or red). And a sledgehammer.

ASHLEY JOY PARKER

1. MINI OVERALLS

Delia's bibbed jumper may broadcast an OshKosh B'Gosh vibe, but it won't look like a first-grader's when paired with a ruffled white blouse and espadrilles. (\$29.50, delias.com)

2. STRIPED SACK

With brass buttons and denim accents, Gap's casual satchel is ideal for a no-fuss chick's every locomotive need. (\$39.50, gap.com for locations)

3. CROPPED CUT

Seven For All Mankind's capris explain why railroad workers always looked so slim — vertical stripes! (And intense manual labor.) Don with patent pumps in a striking hue. (\$108, Neiman Marcus)

4. CLASSIC CAP

The utilitarian engineer's hat is the easiest way to board the choo-choo craze. Plus, you'll be a hit with model-train enthusiasts. (\$25, The Hattery, Shops at Georgetown Park, 202-364-4287)

5. SUPER SLIPPER

There's no time for laces when you have a train to catch. With its slender cut and low-cut toe, Keds' distressed-denim slip-on bridges the yawning gap between sneaker and flat. (\$40, piperlime.com)



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mixed media



It was stylish to smoke in France in 1939.

BOOKS

Vintage Voguing

Flappers sport cloches and feathered frocks on Paris streets. Socialites lounge on the Riviera in Chanel trousers. The 1920s and '30s stylistas seen through the lenses of shutterbug siblings Jules, Louis and Henri Séeberger star in **ELEGANCE** (\$40, Chronicle), a coffee-table book on early fashion photography. It's worthwhile both as a history tome and as a style guide — the belted waists, link bracelets and platform shoes made this modern clotheshorse long to raid some great-granny's closet. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

BOOKS

Bridezillas in Training



How we love **SEVENTEEN'S GUIDE TO YOUR PERFECT PROM** (\$15, Hearst). Maybe it's because we're way past our own.

But this glamour guide seems as uselessly over-the-top as that episode of "My Super Sweet Sixteen" where the girl hired Emmanuel Lewis to hand out her invites. It has a calendar ("One day before: Reserve the family bathroom to avoid drama."), fashion and beauty tips, and a guide to looking good in pictures; pages can be marked with the included stickers. We liked the budget section, with ideas on how to earn money. Just remember: The night's not over until someone's sobbing in the bathroom. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

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↓ Shades of sun, sand and straw beachily blend on Missoni Sport's lightweight sweater. So Sofia Loren, it'd lend a "Roman Holiday" look to cropped black pants or jeans. (\$450, Giotto, Shops at Georgetown Park; 202-338-6223)



→ Can a handbag count as jewelry? Yep, if it's like this encrusted tote from D.C.'s Laura Lee Designs. A riot of sparkles — 25,000 beads! — and a canary-croc handle add pizzazz to simple outfits. (\$259, Be You Bi Yu Wellness Center & Spa, 5602 Shields Dr., Bethesda; 301-493-4911)



← Seychelles' patent ballerinas recall another heyday for shades of gold: the '60s, when "Mean Mr. Mustard" boomed from hi-fis and hippies put daisies in their hair. (\$70, Sassanova, 1641 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-471-4400)



← An African wax print (a resist-dyed cotton like batik) goes funky on a short-sleeved jacket from local designer Lara Akinsanya's L-Shandi line. (\$65, 240-374-1980; lshandi.com)

← Float Chelsea Flower's lighter-than-meringue cotton tunic dress over a bikini or skinny white jeans. (\$333, Pink November, 1529 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-1121)



↓ Gild a (faux) bronzed décolletage with Fischer's pineapple calcite sterling triple-strand necklace. (\$230, Nora Fischer Designs, 202-265-8482)

Hello, Yellow

The sunny hue of Big Bird, taxis and daffodils hasn't graced the runways since the Blondie era. But styles in lemon, amber and an edgy, tangy yellow the French call acidulé are now lighting up spring styles. Think citrusy hues will make you look sour? "Anyone can wear it; it just depends on the shade," says D.C. designer Nathalie deWolf. Blondes might try buttery tones; darker-skinned stylistas '80s neons. And if you tame golden pieces with white or gray, you'll avoid a bananarama effect. ELIZABETH P. GIBBENS

→ Tricia F... maxi-c... sports maxi-c... (\$275, Sherm... Pickey, 1647 V... consin Ave. N... 202-333-4212) Shell earrings... Francesca Gi... pumps add... Cannes chic... (\$28, \$537, W... Women Wea... Red, 1512 U... St. NW; 202-387-5700)

↓ If Dorothy had worn Taryn's comfy wedges on the Yellow Brick Road, she would've looked hip, felt comfortable and perhaps avoided all that trouble wrought by those ruby slippers. (\$245, nordstrom.com)





← Even if you're sporting business-black at work, donning Huit's lemony lace bra and thong beneath lets the sun shine, albeit under cover. (\$120, bra, and \$75, panties, Giotto, Shops at Georgetown Park; 202-338-6223)



→ Boots are big for spring, and cut-out leather ones like these Gianni Barbatos go easily and breezily with cuffed shorts. (\$1,250, Tabandeh, Mazza Gallerie; 202-244-0777)



↑ Ay, caramba! Subtly summon Carmen Miranda with a jingly bracelet of brass and Chiquita-bright wooden beads. (\$72, Sassanova, 1641 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-471-4400)

→ A pearly, metallic patina lends Old World elegance to Nina Perrera's ochre leather bag, adorned with a vintage Bakelite clasp. Sling it over a black cocktail dress for a beautiful (yet not-too-bumblebee-like) contrast. (\$520, Tabandeh)



↑ Nigerian lace, all cutwork and flirty scallops, becomes a showstop-ping skirt from L-Shandi. If you're not sold on gold, it can be ordered in many other colors. (\$125, lshandi.com)

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SEEKING ANSWERS
ON THE TOWN

Q Starbucks is now in the music biz. Who's next?

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1. "MTV. They haven't been in the music industry for the past 10 years," Rachel Kahan, left, with Marc Solomon. "Nordstrom. It'll be nothing but piano covers," Sarah Mars. 2. "Caribou Coffee," Adriana Dabdoub and Daniel Henry. 3. "The UN, because they have the outreach," Farzan Yazdanseta, left. "The UN, because they're not doing a good job at anything else," Samar Maqusi, center, with Prashant Salvi. 4. "Roboleg, because they already have a leg up on the competition," Alex Cynamon, left. "Vivid Adult Entertainment — everyone can use a good beat in the background," Scott Fassbach. 5. "Home Depot. We need to bring back 'Men at Work,'" Lissa Balick, with Karl Galle. 6. "U.S. government agencies. Music, not taxes," Jack Bobo. "M&M's. Music, like chocolate, fits every mood," Tanya Smith. 7. "The cement industry, to produce New Age industrial hard rock," Jon Kaye and Alex Curtis. 8. "Caribou," Ellen Padilla. "Boot Town, because you can't get enough inspiration from guns and ammo," Sunil Varghese. 9. "Kramerbooks," Claudia Meulenberg, left. "McDonald's. They should release an anti-obesity song," Ulrike Leis. 10. "Wal-Mart, so they can produce their own clean music at a low, low price," Michelle Heisner, left. "Nike. Just play it," Kate Bartosik. MINA PAHLEVAN



(1) Add something extra with the limited-edition Beautifully Luminous Lashes from Bare Escentuals. Worn over your regular mascara, it gives eyes an extra sparkle. (\$15, Sephora) (2) A new shade in Maybelline's Express Finish line, Mauvin' Metallic is a high-shine gloss with just a hint of glint. (\$4.50, drugstores) (3) A shimmering blend of pink and brown, Laura Mercier's Metallic Crème eye shadow proves that neutrals don't have to be boring. (\$22, lauramercier.com)



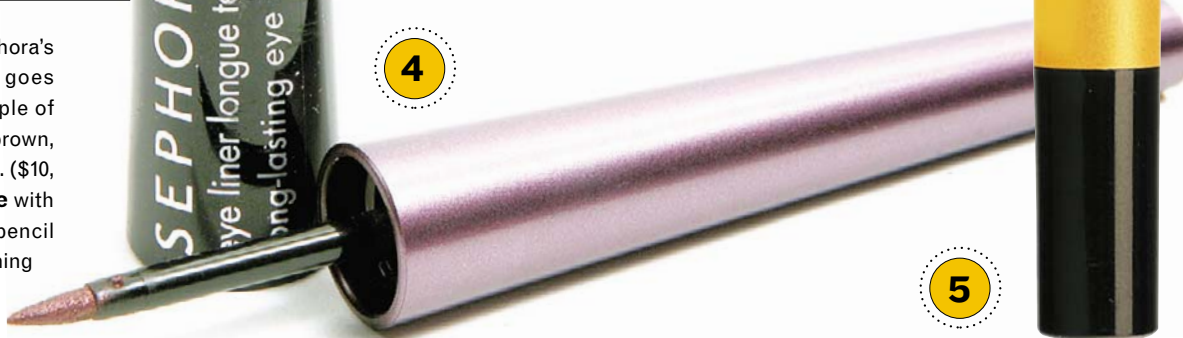
Groove Your Metal



Heavy metal is back. Not in the Black Sabbath T-shirt kind of way, but on your face. Spring runways were full of robo-beauty, like the shimmering silver-and gold-rimmed eyes on Chanel's catwalkers. But if you want a look that is less "Danger, Will Robinson" and more office-appropriate, we've mined the options and uncovered the ores that work best in the real world. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



(4) The smooth formula of Sephora's Long-Lasting Metallic Eyeliner goes on without a care; the deep purple of Aubergine is more dramatic than brown, but subtler than a heavy black line. (\$10, Sephora) (5) Grab two for one with Benefit's Gilded, an eye and lip pencil that adds a touch of gold to everything it touches. Use it alone or over makeup. (\$18, Sephora)



Bloomingdale loves Mac powder, above.

Glam Performer Piles on the Paint

■ It takes a real man to dish on make-up. Which is why we went to **XAVIER ONASSIS BLOOMINGDALE**, drag queen extraordinaire. (She performs every Sunday at Perry's drag brunch, 1811 Columbia Road). Her overall philosophy? "The more, the better. I wanna paint so I can be visible in a stadium. Without lighting."



To achieve this, Bloomingdale's regimen is rather more involved than the average makeup consumer's. To begin, she shaves, then applies duct tape around her

"I paint so I can be seen in a stadium. Without lighting."

hairline, which helps keep wigs secure. "I take at least 45 minutes, with the false lashes, highlighting, lowlighting, contouring." Her "180-degree transformation" involves upwards of 85 items in her makeup kit. "I have many, many different colors," she says proudly.

Her must-have product is Mac's StudioFix powder (\$25, Mac counters and stores). She also loves her false lashes. "I use them over and over. They'll have, like, four hairs on them, but I'll glue them together." (She suggests putting used lashes in the freezer; cold glue pops right off.) As for her most coveted product, "I'm waiting for the face transplant. As soon as it's available, I'm gonna put it on layaway, Honey." K.P.K.

PEEVES OF THE PROS ►► DANIELLE SPRUANCE, GENERAL MANAGER, BANG SALON

Please Stop ... Demanding Miracles

■ Maybe you want to look like Salma Hayek, but your parents cursed you with Swedish genes. Well, don't go crying to your hairstylist. "It's not like we do magic. We can't give you hair that you don't have," says Danielle Spruance of Bang Salon (see bangsalon.com for locations). "People will bring in a cover shot of Vogue, and she'll be someone with black, thick, coarse hair, and the picture is of someone with fine blonde hair." For the best possible outcome, "think about what type of hair you have," she says. "If it's like Salma Hayek's, you want to look at her new haircuts." Bring in several photos to show your stylist a range of looks you like.

While being too specific can invite disaster, so can not being specific enough.



Choose one or the other, but not both.

Some customers "have no concept at all of what they want—they say, 'Oh, do whatever you want,'" bemoans Spruance. "You don't really mean that. If we shaved your head and said, 'That's what Britney Spears has,' you'd be furious and you'd leave crying and you'd hate us." Even worse: Those who say, "I just broke up with my boyfriend, so do something dramatic." "That's always a terrible idea," says Spruance. FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)

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Florence Ahn, Joe Kim

Florence, 27, is a piano teacher. Joe, 27, is a government attorney. They live in Laurel.

- **The Main Event:** A church wedding for 400 guests on May 27 in Silver Spring.
- **How They Met:** "We met four years ago at church, but didn't take notice of each other until two years ago," says Florence.
- **How He Proposed:** "It was my birthday, and I found a birthday card from Joe in my glove compartment asking me to meet him at church. He'd made a path of

rose petals, candles and cards from the entrance to the altar." "She didn't notice any of the details," says Joe. "Like the rose petals forming a giant heart where I proposed."

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "His high school flag football championship T-shirt," says Florence. "We went undefeated that season!" says Joe.

■ **When He Knew:** "I was playing beach football with some friends and I asked her for the time," says Joe. "She responded by screaming, 'GAME TIME!' I had previously taught her that, and I was so proud of her and wanted to love her even more."

■ **Mmm, Cake:** "Cupcakes and a three-tier lemon cake," says Florence. Joe: "We're having lemon cake?"

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** They'll serve traditional Korean food at the reception.

At first, Joe thought "she was very shy and kind of weird."



Wahoo Love

At the University of Virginia, you find guys with numbers after their names, Bodo's bagels and esteemed thinkers. For **DANIELA MONTALVO** and **CARTER SHUFFLER**, they also found each other. "We met at the University of Virginia, where we were both members of the campus tour guide organization. I had an instant crush. Tall, blond, blue eyes — what's not to like?" recalls Daniela.

Years later, they took a belated Valentine's Day trip to Charlottesville, dining at Hamilton's, one of their old college haunts. Carter gave Daniela a ring as her gift, and the next morning they celebrated with a hot-air balloon ride over the town. They're marrying in the UVa. chapel; the Catholic ceremony will be followed by a cocktail reception on the historic Lawn, with the party continuing at Alumni Hall.

Daniela, 25, is a communications coordinator for the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. Carter, 28, is an engineer with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. They live in Arlington and will marry April 21.



Cary Greene, Elizabeth Levine

Cary, 31, is an attorney in Washington. Elizabeth, 23, is a post-baccalaureate research fellow at NIH and will begin medical school in the fall. They will live in either Columbia or Washington.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal Jewish ceremony on June 3 in Baltimore. They expect 165 guests.

■ **How They Met:** Friday night services at the D.C. Jewish Community Center.

■ **First Date:** They had several, says Cary, who feels their true first date was at Teatism in Dupont Circle. "We had a great time chatting, and then I walked her to her next date with another guy. Obviously, I made a better impression."

■ **How He Proposed:** At a vineyard in Charlottesville. "I completely blanked once my knee hit the ground," says Cary.

"Elizabeth has this puffy coat that makes her look like a toasted marshmallow."

"I looked up pathetically with the ring in my hand, completely speechless. Elizabeth started laughing and said, 'You have to ask me.'"

■ **Stupidest Fight:** Over the dishwasher. "I insist on rinsing the dishes before putting them in," says Cary. "Why rinse?" says Elizabeth. "That's the dishwasher's job!"

■ **Family Traditions:** "I come from a family of runners," says Cary. "My brother and sister-in-law held a 5K race the day before their wedding" — complete with race applications, T-shirts and awards. Elizabeth and Cary will be doing the same.

Nicole Jacobsen, Patrick Torres

Niki, 28, is an education programs assistant at the Folger Shakespeare Library and an actor. Patrick, 30, is a program manager at the Young Playwrights' Theater and a director. They live in Washington.

- **The Main Event:** An outdoor ceremony on April 7 under a pecan tree in Niki's hometown of Columbus, Miss. Her brother will officiate.
- **How They Met:** During a football

game at the University of Southern Mississippi. "She came over to say hello to my friend," says Patrick. "When she walked away, I said, 'That's the girl I'm going to marry.' That was in 1999. We didn't have our first date until 2001."

■ **First Impressions:** "She made 30,000 people disappear," says Patrick.

■ **Their Song:** "Opposites Attract" by Paula Abdul.



- **How He Proposed:** One night, a small photo album appeared on the couch. Niki opened it, finding a photo captioned, "Niki, will you have me ... ?"

Each page of the album had a picture representing a marriage vow — photos of a Campbell's soup can and a triathlon training book represented "in sickness and in health," for instance. "The last page was a picture of a church that's only four blocks from my house. The caption said he was waiting for me at the altar and he had a question for me."

■ **When She Knew:** "We were walking down the sidewalk on a nondescript day, and it just came to me all of a sudden that this was it: There was nothing else I wanted," says Niki.

■ **Making It Unique:** They'll hide Easter eggs at the reception.



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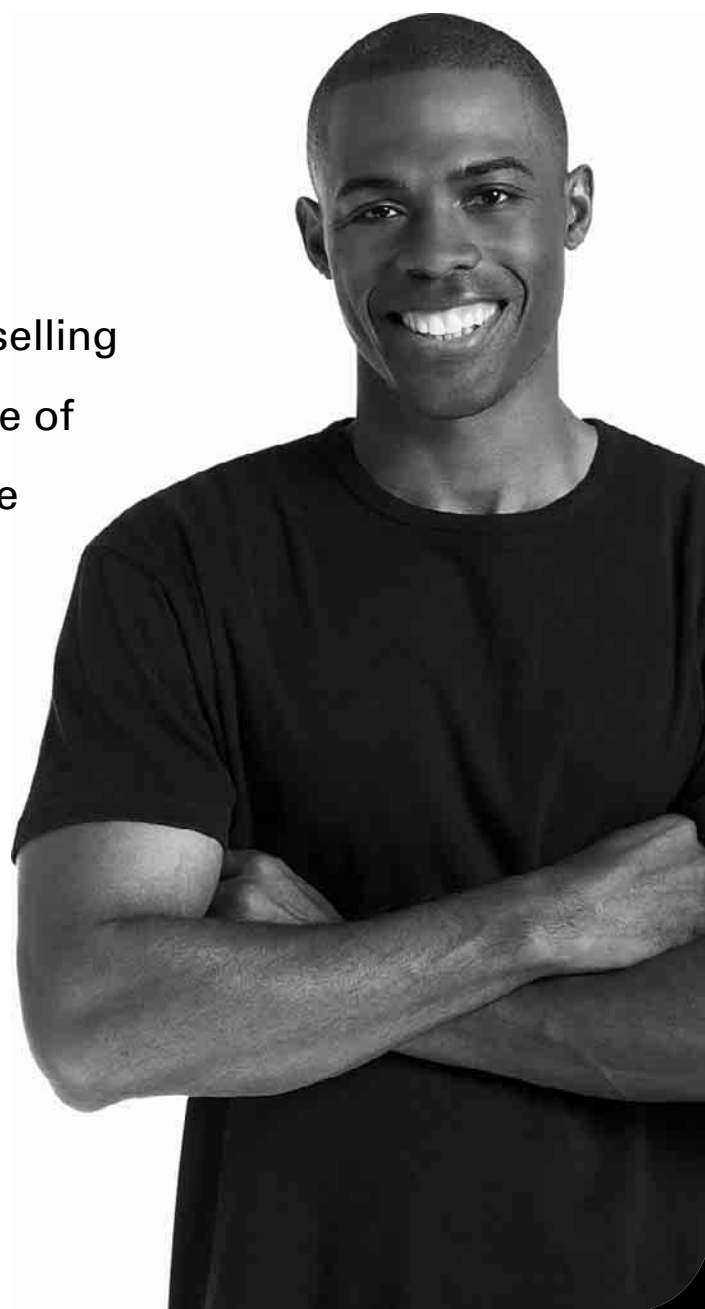
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Nature of the Market

Eco-friendly features hook buyers, but they're tough to find

Although the garden view from the Glover Park studio was lovely, that's not why Christian Gillette made a beeline for the windows as soon as her real estate agent, Michael Kiefer, undid the lock. "They're just single-pane. I'd need to put in new ones," Gillette said, tapping on the thin glass that let in some of the unseasonable chill outside. "And I'd want to change the lights out with compact fluorescents."

The outdated kitchen could use a makeover — with all energy-efficient appliances, of course — and the walls might look brighter with a coat of non-toxic, odorless paint,

Kiefer noted. The rundown parquet floors? "I'd want to put in bamboo," announced Gillette, who works in commercial furniture and serves on the committee on the environment for D.C.'s chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

In order to find the perfect first condo, 26-year-old Gillette has enlisted Kiefer, who just launched Green D.C. Realty (greendcrealty.com), a firm dedicated to the selling and buying of environmentally friendly properties. But the paucity of listings on his site (zero) and the difficulty Gillette has faced finding something that meets her standards (the Glover Park place didn't cut it — nor have the other 15 they've seen) reflect how far the Washington area has to go in greening its condo market.



Avish Khebrehzadeh shows off the laundry area of her Cathedral Heights duplex. Those gorgeous, mod squad cabinets are made of certified sustainable walnut.

It's not that nothing is environmentally friendly, of course. Over the past five years, efficient appliances that qualify for an Energy Star rating have become increasingly popular in new developments, green roofs have started sprouting to reduce the heat-island effect of monster city buildings, and recycled materials are among the options for buyers pimping out their kitchens, bathrooms and floors.

But without any vocal demand from the public for green properties, and without a concrete definition of what green really is, developers have been hesitant to embrace the available options.

Condo hunters may stumble upon a place such as 1461 Harvard Street in Columbia Heights, which architect Jeremy Busse designed to harness as much natural light as possible with an innovative window design, and also boasted Energy Star appliances. Buyers snapped up most of the units within weeks of delivery. But while real estate agent Richard Dubeshter says these ele-

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ments were selling points, no one moved in just to save the planet. Michael Marin-Santos-Cohen and his wife, Juana, merely liked the open layout. "Here, you can feel the city outside," said Marin-Santos-Cohen, who's toying with the idea of going more eco-friendly now that he knows how effective southern exposure is at heating up his living room. "I was on a solar panel kick a few weeks ago after seeing 'An Inconvenient Truth.'"

Developers, even ones who have been wading in environmentally friendly waters for years, have been wary of pushing the green elements of their buildings too hard, because they didn't want buyers to think their places would be grungy-looking hippie compounds. That may be about to change, however. Gail Montplaisir, president of the Taurus Enterprise Group, says the tipping point has finally come, and she's ready for her projects to revel in their planet-protecting powers.

In April, two model units will open for Lofts Eleven, her Logan Circle development set for delivery later this year. Both will display mostly green features, and one will totally green it up and be advertised as "Eco Chic." "It'll have bamboo cabinets, tiles that can be recycled, a flooring system that can be refurbished, dual-flush toilets," she says. "This is what we'll be providing. If you want something like granite, then we'll be charging more for that. We're making a different statement with this building."

In a city with a seemingly endless supply of luxury condo buildings, developers need to differentiate themselves, so P.N. Hoffman has decided its tack is to present itself as the green developer. "If there are 20 condos out there that are roughly the same size and location, most people would choose the green ones," says Shawn Seaman, vice president of acquisitions and development, who adds that all future projects will be developed with green building practices in mind and with an eye toward LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, which is generally considered the gold standard for green.

P.N. Hoffman's first foray into LEED is The Alta at Thomas Circle, which is scheduled to become the first condominium building in the District to obtain certification. The stamp of approval is expected to

Go Green, But Not Bankrupt

Although energy efficiency can boost your bottom line, a few bucks off the utility bill isn't going to cover the cost of top-of-the-line appliances and construction materials — unless you're planning on waiting for your grandkids to reap the benefits. But as green has gone more mainstream, it's become more affordable, too.

Take Energy Star, which has trickled down to the most basic models. If you're a D.C. resident, Energy Star stuff is even cheaper: The Energy Office (dceo.dc.gov) offers a \$150 rebate on washing machines, \$100



Go mod in your pad, but let others pick over your old doorknobs and hardware at Community Forklift instead of sentencing them to an eternity stuck in a landfill.

on fridges and \$50 on window air conditioning units. (If you qualify as low-income, they'll replace your old energy-sucking stuff with Energy Star appliances for free.)

And instead of paying a company to create recycled products for your place, it's now possible to DIY. Community Forklift (4671 Tanglewood Dr.,

Edmonston, Md.; 301-985-5180, communityforklift.com) opened last year under the premise that trash can be treasure. So, when folks are renovating their homes, instead of dumping things in a landfill, they can donate them. Then antique doorknob shoppers can buy them for below retail price. "We're Goodwill crossed with Home Depot," explains outreach director Ruthie Mundell. There's a similar operation in Baltimore called The Loading Dock (loadingdock.org), and if you're just interested in donating, try GreenHOME (greenhome.org).

One of the most cost-effective ways to go eco-friendly is to convince your condo board that everyone should pitch in a bit to make building-wide changes, such as switching to all fluorescent lightbulbs or a tankless water heater. If everyone chips in, you'll enjoy the benefits of green living without spending too much green yourself. *V.H.*



COOKING WITH CARE: The stainless steel appliances in a kitchen in a condo at The Alta at Thomas Circle gleam, perhaps because they know they're energy efficient.

come within the next few weeks, thanks to a green roof, carpets and paint that doesn't give off gases (called low-VOC) to improve indoor air quality, locally harvested and recycled materials and other elements. Renelle Rae, 55, snapped up the penthouse as soon as she heard

about the pending certification. "I say I care about the environment, and now I'm living up to my principles," says Rae, who's also dumped her car in an effort to reduce her carbon footprint.

Counting on people such as Rae, who is dedicated to the environment

and has enough dough to afford a place downtown, to fill an entire building would be foolish, however. Michelle Giannini, director of sales for P.N. Hoffman, estimates that only 10 percent of the residents sought out the building for its eco-friendly features. "But 100 percent think it's a good thing," she says. Even if buyers don't always listen to their inner Al Gores, they can get excited about what energy savings mean for their pocketbooks. And certain elements might have appealed mainly to their subconscious. "You don't get that chemical smell walking down the hallway," Giannini notes.

Still, not all developers are certain that touting green is the future. Turnberry Tower, the uber-luxury development now going up in Rosslyn, is expected to be the first in Arlington to go for LEED. But you wouldn't know that by looking at its Web site, which skips over any mention of anything environmentally aware and instead boasts features like a 24-hour concierge and indoor swimming pool.

Arlington has been one of the most aggressive counties in the region in terms of pushing for green building, so several of the current and up-and-coming developments will have many of the features that count toward LEED certification. "But potential owners don't know there are these options out there,"

says Joan Kelsch, from the Arlington Environmental Planning Office. "I wish developers would use this as a marketing tool, because buyers don't know to ask."

And many of the home seekers who do know what to look for can't afford the price tag for new construction. Seaman estimates that going green in The Alta meant a

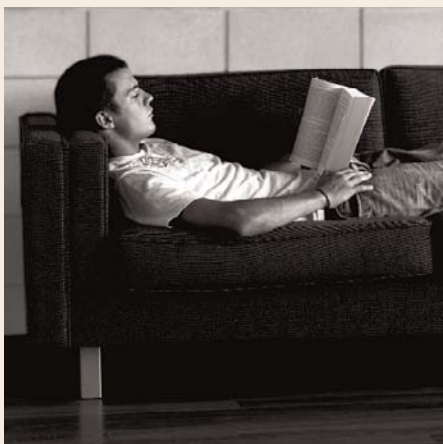
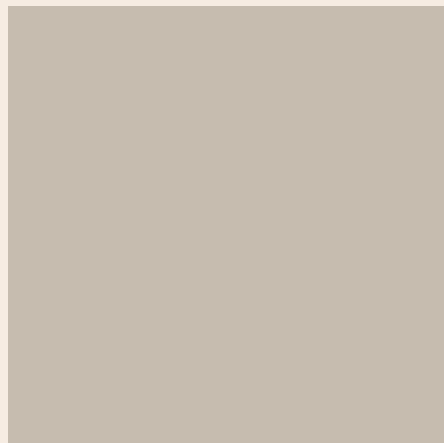
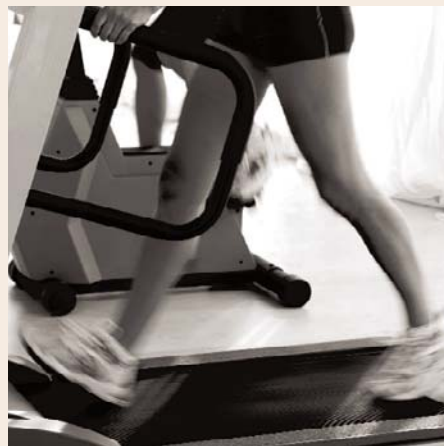
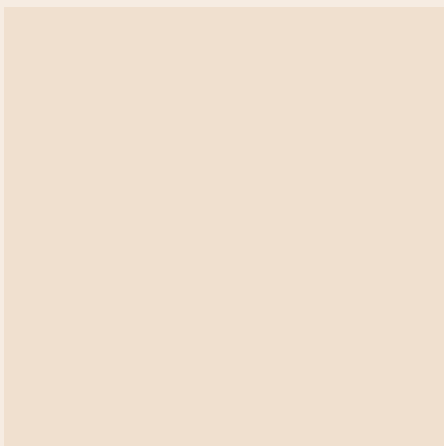
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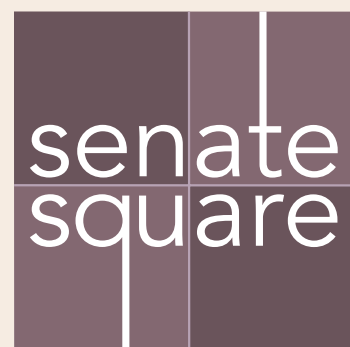
\$1,000 to \$2,000 price hike per unit to cover the features, a drop in the bucket compared to the overall prices hovering in the \$400,000s. But that's simply too much money for a many potential buyers.

While working on Ecco Park, an 85-unit development in Takoma Park with prices starting in the \$200,000s, architect Sassan Gharai has learned what is possible today in terms of green building and what isn't. "I don't think people are willing to pay a lot more for housing yet the way they will for hybrid cars. Most of

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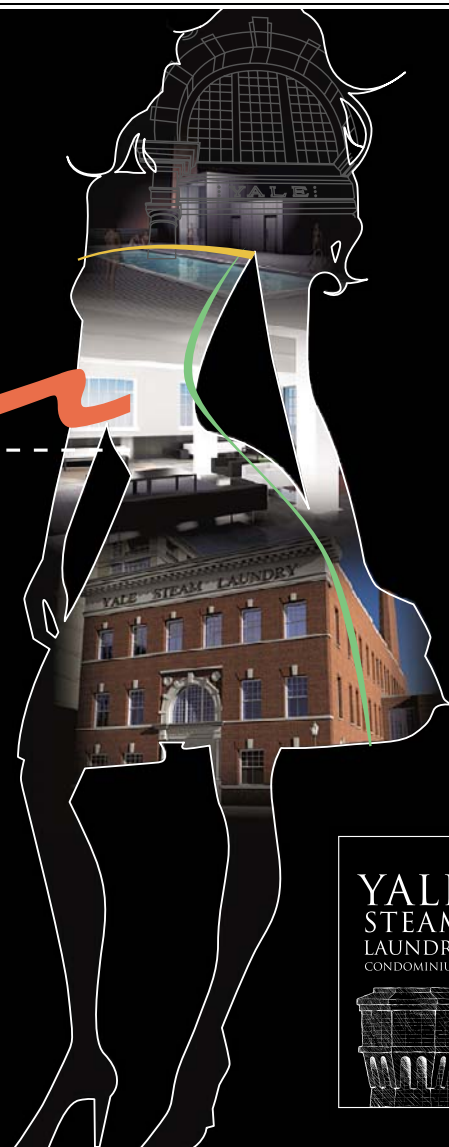
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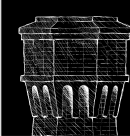
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The residents of 1461 Harvard St. NW knew their building stood out, but they didn't think much about its eco-benefits, like tall windows that let in lots of natural light.

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the people we're reaching out to are younger and they're a bit more price sensitive," he says. "When we started, we had a lot more radical ideas and we watered them down."
So there's no solar power or attempt at LEED certification for Ecco Park, although there will be a green roof, eco-finish package options and Zip Cars in the garage. "The biggest thing is finding a balance between how much you spend and what benefits you get out of it," Gharai says. "You could build walls out of straw bales because that's super insulated, a renewable resource, sustainable and produced locally. It would also cost you a lot and be completely impractical."
For Gillette, the first-time condo shopper, the only plan that seems feasible is to find a place and make it over. "In my price bracket, you're not going to see green yet," she says. "So, if I get a place that needs work, I can do it in green materials."

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AT HOME IN THE WORLD: Henrik Ayyazian, right, and Avish Khebrezhadeh love how natural light bathes their bamboo floors.

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— but one that may pay off for condo owners when they decide to sell. Just ask Shelley Cohen and Michael Gala, who completely gutted their two-bedroom apartment near the National Cathedral to create an environmental ideal. It helped that Gala, an architect, knew about the most attractive materials available on the market and how to explain these new innovations to contractors.

The kitchen became a showcase of energy efficient appliances (including a double convection oven), cork flooring (a renewable resource), concrete counters (instead of granite, because “that extraction process is damaging to the environment,” Cohen notes), a backsplash of recycled glass tiles and a four-section recycling station.

The floors in the rest of the duplex are of bamboo. The walls are swathed in all no-VOC paints and only water-based sealants were used throughout. The two and a half baths feature low-flow toilets and showers, along with translucent glass doors that allow the rooms to get light along with privacy. “In the end, the costs weren’t that much for what we got, and we wouldn’t have changed a thing,” says Cohen.

But as Cohen and Gala planned to expand their family, they upgraded to a house — which will get an even more elaborate eco-treatment, including solar power — and put the condo on the market.

The timing couldn’t have been better for financial systems analyst Henrik Ayyazian and artist Avish Khebrezhadeh, who had been house

hunting for months, but hadn’t been inspired by anything yet. “When we saw this property, we loved that they’d used that philosophy,” Ayyazian says. “You feel harmony in your surroundings. It’s the feel of nature,” Khebrezhadeh agrees.

So, they snapped it up even though there was another unit in the same building that was bigger and going for less. “That one was so plain vanilla,” explains Ayyazian, while standing in their new home, eagerly pointing out cabinets made from sustainably managed forests, a programmable thermostat and energy-efficient lighting fixtures.

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Little City, Big Boom

Old-timey shops and new condos co-exist in Falls Church City

Step inside the white-pewed hush of The Falls Church, a 1769 red brick building just inside the Beltway in Virginia, and it's easy to imagine this place's storied past. Volunteers signed up to fight in the American Revolution here. Injured Union soldiers slept within these walls when the church served

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as a Civil War hospital. Countless Virginians got married, baptized babies and had their funeral rites read within the Georgian edifice.

But outside, the views from the church's bucolic graveyard suggest that the 21st century (and development) has finally zoomed into Falls Church City, the once-sleepy town that surrounds the church. A mammoth steel crane, now a common sight in these parts, marks the construction site where

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the 230-unit, six-story Pearson Square condo development is taking shape. One- to three-bedroom units priced from the low \$300s to the mid \$700s should start delivering this fall.

Also expected to debut in 2007: the still-under-construction Spectrum on West Broad Street. The building will feature an earth-friendly "green roof" and 189 one- and two-bedroom units (\$400,000-\$850,000) outfitted with equally green bamboo or cork floors and 9-foot ceilings.

These and a clutch of other, already occupied new condos, combined with new restaurants and an uptick in commercial projects, are helping to turn this small, incorporated city known for its top-notch schools and village-like feel into a far more urbanized place. Sidewalks seem more crowded, cafes seem more plentiful (and populated) and the area has the buzz — and the buzz-saw noise — of a neighborhood on its way up.

"It's getting younger and hipper," says Tom Carter, who rehabbed and reopened the State Theatre (see box, this page) in 1998. The circa-1936 structure, a longtime movie house, now operates as a concert venue, hosting everyone from Don "American Pie" McLean to up-and-comers Of Montreal. "It used to be a quiet community. But when you build condos, they attract young professionals, people 25 to maybe 50," he says. "And they need places to go and things to do."

Abutted by Arlington County to the east and surrounded on all other sides by Fairfax County, Falls Church City lies just six miles west of the District. One of the United States' smallest independent cities, the municipality measures just 2.2 square miles, most of them close to Broad Street, the town's main drag (perhaps better known as Route 7 or Leesburg Pike).

Falls Church City separated from Fairfax County in 1948, when civic leaders decided they wanted to create a stellar school system. Properties in neighboring Fairfax County communities (like Pimmit Hills near Tysons Corner and Sleepy Hollow near Bailey's Crossroads) also bear a Falls Church mailing address. But due to those good schools, the most prestigious (and often, expensive) addresses remain in the city itself.

Suburban Sound Gardens

On a recent evening at Falls Church City's State Theatre (220 N. Washington St.; 703-237-0300; thestatetheatre.com), Aterciopelados, a Colombian rock band, is noisily warming up for its gig in the spacious, two-story auditorium where Jimmy Stewart Westerns and Hitchcock thrillers once rolled across the screen.

A concert venue since 1998, the rehabbed movie palace looks much as it did when it opened in 1936.



MARQUEE MARK: Big-name rock and blues bands headline at the State Theatre.

Owner Tom Carter and his crews painstakingly restored the deco landmark, recasting zigzag plaster trim, reupholstering wooden chairs in the balcony and having a replica fabricated of the original neon-lit marquee.

Carter rebuilt it, but when the State first reopened, some naysayers thought the audiences wouldn't come. "I had trouble convincing people this was the right thing to do," he says. Carter started out booking blues acts, then jam bands, and now,

musicians as diverse as the mariachi-meets-rock Aterciopelados and 1980s stalwarts the Psychedelic Furs pack 'em in multiple nights a week. "We've even had people fly in from Europe for shows," he says. Judging from the crowds showing up for the recent Aterciopelados set, they're coming from around the metro area, too.

The State isn't the only place in Falls Church pulsing with live music. Tuesday through Saturday nights, Celtic drummers and Green Isle folk bands take the stage at pubby, often-packed Ireland's Four Provinces (105. W Broad St.; 703-534-8999; irishusa.com). And the pad thai and crispy spring rolls at Bangkok Blues (926 W. Broad St.; 703-534-0095; bangkokbluesrestaurant.com) come with nightly sides of rock, jazz and, yep, blues. J.B.



HAVING A VINE TIME: Locals gather for glasses of Pino Grigio and olives in the popular bar at Argia's, an Italian restaurant.

"People want to buy in this area because it's got a community feeling that's very old-school and family-friendly," says Diana Bagay, a real estate agent with the McLean, Va., office of McEneaney Associates, who often sells properties in Falls Church. "There's a farmers' market and activities on New Year's Eve, things that are very important, especially to young families."

And in a region where single family homes often run \$500,000 and up, condos provide a more affordable alternative. "In the past, price could really be prohibitive for young buyers," says Judy White, a vice president with Weichert Realtors corporate headquarters. She herself recently purchased a one-bedroom unit at the Byron, a luxe building on Broad Street.

"Bringing these condo properties in is definitely making Falls Church more diverse."

New residents who buy at developments like the Spectrum and the Byron, a 90-unit property where remaining apartments range from a \$469,999 one-bedroom to a spacious penthouse for \$1.2 million, will find themselves in the midst of an almost Norman Rockwellian,

walkable downtown. Retro businesses abound, including Brown's Hardware (100 W. Broad St.; 703-532-1168), which has been in the tools and nails trade since 1883.

There's also a farmers' market held each Saturday on the grounds of City Hall (Little Falls Street and Park Avenue). It draws families with strollers and young singles to its stalls selling fresh bread, Virginia buffalo steaks and heirloom tomatoes. On the way in and

“It used to be quiet. But when you build condos, they attract young professionals. They need places to go and things to do.”

TOM CARTER, STATE THEATRE OWNER

out of the market, locals often stop at the adjacent Cherry Hill Park, a bucolic greenspace dominated by an 1845 wooden farmhouse (312 Park Ave.; 703-248-5171) that is open for tours Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Indie retailers and restaurants dominate Falls Church's major thoroughfares, West Broad and North Washington streets, adding to the small-town vibe. Locals with laptops and toddlers in tow camp out at Stacy's Coffee Parlor (709 W. Broad St.; 703-538-6266), where shabby chic sofas and local

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artwork set the scene for a menu of Moxley's ice cream and high-voltage cuppas. Anthony's Restaurant (309 W. Broad St.; 703-532-0100), a 25-year-old Greek-American diner, attracts fans with its souvlaki and omelets.

"I love getting up and walking up to Anthony's for breakfast," says Jim Saulsbury, 60, who, with his wife, Diane Bruner, recently bought and moved into a two-bedroom unit at the Byron. "There are so many restaurants like that we can walk to."

Other dining options in the neighborhood range from Italian hangout Argia's (124 N. Washington St.; 703-534-1033), where dolce vita vino and good fried calamari are served in a room with a Renaissance-style wall mural or at a convivial bar, to the new Clare and Don's Beach Shack (130 N. Washington St.; 703-532-9283). The latter dishes up burgers, fried fish and an "are-we-in-Key West?" atmosphere (buoys and shells as decoration, a breezy out-

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“People buy into Falls Church because of convenience. It's close to all the major arteries and near Tysons Corner.”

DIANA BAGAY, REAL ESTATE AGENT

(450 W. Broad St.; 703-752-5226), an emporium of bath products and flower pots.

All this feels very old-fashioned and Mayberryish. But progress, both from condos and other new construction, is bringing noticeable changes to the landscape of

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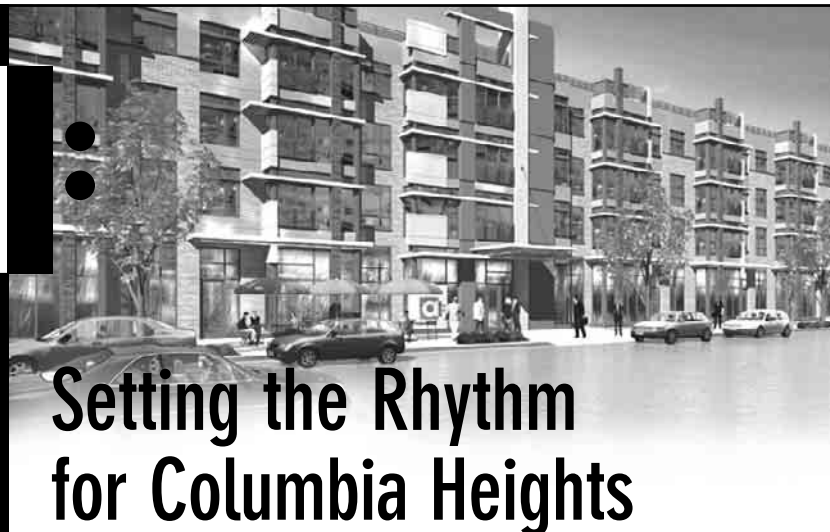
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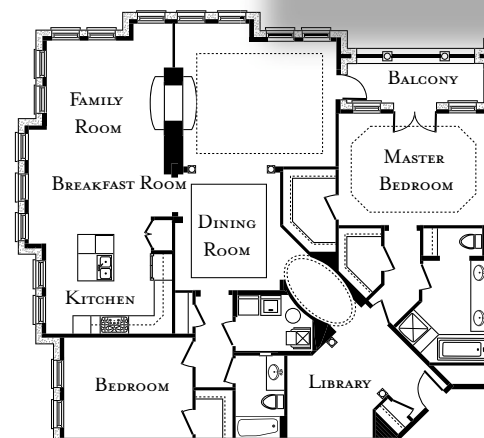
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mid 20th-century storefronts and brick colonials, for better or worse.

"If you drive down Route 7, it looks so different already. Where there was empty space and a condemned gas station, now you see buildings going up," says Nicholas F. Benton, editor of the feisty Falls Church News-Press, which disseminates political editorials and civic news along with listings of area art shows and blurbs on Lions Club activities. "These condo developments are creating a much bigger basis for our economy, more people to eat in our restaurants," he says. "But it's not being done in a roughshod way. I don't think Tysonization is going to happen here."

It helps that Falls Church government seems to be practicing restraint, taking its time approving new projects, like Atlantic Realty Companies' proposed City Center development, which will bring new condos, a Harris Teeter grocery store, and other retail and



A grand piano, a pool table, ultra-mod furnishings and a sleek fireplace lend the party room at the new Westlee condominiums a hipster, boutique-hotel look.

office space to a five-acre plot currently occupied by a Bowl America on South Maple Avenue.

"We're witnessing a huge change in Falls Church," says Adam Roth, co-owner of Argia's. "On one hand, you still see little cottages with businesses like palm readers or tattoo parlors. But we're also seeing new

condo and retail developments that better utilize space. It's good for business, but I'm afraid the traffic is going to get worse."

The roads around here are packed for good reason: Falls Church, located close to the Beltway, Route 66 and two Metro stations,

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Located between two browse-till-you-drop zones — mall-mad Tysons Corner and bargainza land Seven Corners — Falls Church ranks as one of the Metro area's most retail-friendly locations. But the city's downtown core offers something that's getting harder to find in this chain-store era: several cool purveyors of second-hand merch.

Take New to You: The Chic Boutique (108 W. Broad St.; 703-533-1251), a popular women's resale store where recent deals included

a flapperish Marc Jacobs cocktail dress, Donald Pliner pumps and a white wool Dolce & Gabbana shift for \$200, still wearing its original price tag reading "\$1,800." "I'm aiming for a mix of designer names and really eclectic things," says owner Christina Novak. "I think that appeals to the confident women who come in here." Her staffers are helpful stylistas who dole out fashion tips and crack jokes.

Other shops specializing in oldies but goodies: the Falls Church Antique Annex (250 W. Broad St.; 703-241-9642), with china, furniture and collectibles in a white clapboard farmhouse; a branch of local music and movie reseller CD Cellar (709 W. Broad St. #B; 703-534-6318); and quirky, sci fi tome- and novel-crammed Hole in the Wall Books (905 W. Broad St.; 703-536-2511). J.B.

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is popular with commuters, who find that living here gives them easy, if slightly clogged, access to jobs in D.C. or the Virginia suburbs. "People buy into the area because of that convenience," says Bagay. "It's close to all the major arteries, and being near all that shopping at Tysons Corner is terrific."

Julie Litzenberger, 29, who works in public relations for Sage Communications, closed in November on a one-bedroom condo at The Westlee, a development on the Falls Church City-Arlington County line. Though she had been renting in Ballston, she finds that the Westlee is also convenient. "I work in Tysons, so living here has

shaved 10 minutes off my commute," she says. "Plus, I'm walking distance from the East Falls Church Metro and the WO&D bike path."

Units in the Westlee are still selling. They range from one-bedrooms with dens to two-bedrooms with dens, priced from \$387,000 to \$725,000. Features include rich pecan floors in the units and access to a plush party room.

Westlee developer Mark Silverwood of Silverwood Companies chose to build here because, he says, "I found the area to be grossly underserved by high-density residential properties. With Ballston and Clarendon all built up, this area could really take off."

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Paying Big To Park It

A guaranteed spot for your car isn't always a good buy

As far as parking spaces go, there wasn't anything special about it. It was off an alley, behind a condo building. But on Dec. 29, the spot near Dupont Circle sold for \$45,000. At the Lofts at Brightwood on Georgia Avenue NW, a garage spot will add \$35,000 to the price of your condo.

Washingtonians may have become more conservative about how much they will spend on their

homes. But when it comes to parking spaces, many will pay tens of thousands of dollars to avoid circling around for 30 minutes every night in search of a spot.

It's no wonder. The Washington area is one of the most expensive places in the country to park. The monthly median rate for an unreserved commercial garage space in the District is \$230. A reserved space can run \$360 a month.

But in this unpredictable real estate market, can you always expect your parking space to make your home, particularly your condo,

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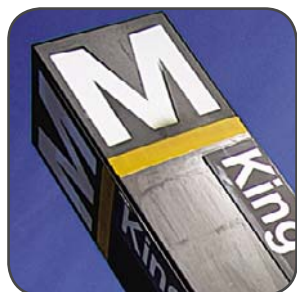
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more appealing?

One of real estate's unwritten rules is this: If you can buy a parking space with your home, do it. A parking space, real estate agents say, will increase the resale value of your property.

"Even if you don't need it, you can rent it out," said Phyllis Papkin, an agent with Re/Max Allegiance in Fairfax County.

That conventional wisdom, however, does not always hold true. All real estate is local, maybe more so when you're talking about parking spaces. A spot in densely populated Dupont Circle could cost you more than one in less dense Southwest Washington.

When Amy Mack, 32, a television documentary filmmaker, bought a one-bedroom unit in the Park Place Condos in Southwest Washington two years ago, she spent an extra \$30,000 for an indoor parking space. The space bumped up the price to \$323,000.

Now that she has moved to San



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Free parking at a garage near her new condo appealed to Barbara Worth.

Francisco, she would like to get rid of her D.C. property. More than one person has expressed interest in the condo. But to her surprise, no one wants both the unit and the parking space.

John Goodloe, an agent with Weichert Realtors, represented a husband and wife who were trying to sell their condo and parking space

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at the Solo Piazza in Logan Circle last June. They had plenty of offers for the condo but none for both. Goodloe said he was baffled.

So Goodloe listed the parking space separately. He was allowed to do so because it had a separate deed. Most buildings require owners to sell their units and spaces in tandem. Because of security concerns, many also forbid owners from selling their spots to people who do not live in the building. Goodloe's clients could sell their spot only to a resident of their building. Still, they got \$48,000. Their asking price had been \$35,000.

Mack said she, too, was fortunate to have bought a parking space with a separate deed. She has decided to try to sell the unit for \$328,000 and has placed a separate ad for the parking space on Craigslist, asking \$25,000 for the space.

When it comes to the effect of parking availability on resale values, "it's a double-edged sword," said Andy Greenspan of Long & Foster



Barbara Worth's parking spot near her Logan Circle condo could cost \$35,000 to buy, but, due to a special deal, she gets it free.

in Bethesda. "If someone can afford it and is willing to pay a premium on top of the cost of the unit itself and it fits in their budget, they can have parking as long as they need it."

The average price for parking spaces increased about 25 percent

per year between 2003 and 2005, according to Delta Associates, an Alexandria-based real estate research firm. Since then, the price has stalled but not dropped.

"It's quite the opposite of what's been going on with condos," Horsley said. "With condos, prices have gone

down. Not with parking spaces."

The average price per space in a parking garage in the District is \$35,000, according to Delta. In the suburbs, the average garage spot is cheaper but still pricey: \$30,000 in Alexandria and \$12,000 in the North Bethesda/Rockville area.

(Many buildings in suburbs where land is more available include parking in their prices, agents say.)

Real estate agents say they have clients who won't even consider a condo unless it has a parking space. For others, it's not a deal-breaker.

Barbara Worth, 53, an event planner, was looking to downsize from her rowhouse in Petworth to a condo in a more central location. She wanted two bedrooms and a parking spot for less than \$500,000. She looked at more than a dozen lofts.

One of the first units she saw was at the Matrix building in Logan Circle. She found a corner one-bedroom with a roof deck for \$494,900. She was willing to forgo the second bedroom. But the lack of parking was a bigger issue because she sometimes works nights.

She was going to pass on it until the developer offered two years of free parking at a nearby garage. "Parking is what sealed the deal for me, basically," she said.

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